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A MORE AMAZING STORY!
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YOUR CAR MUST START INSTANTLY!—OR MONEY BACK!

Save Money With Amazing New Liquid That Makes "Dead Batteries" Spring to Life Instantly
— Makes New Batteries Trouble-Free for 10 Years or More!

NO MORE BATTERY TROUBLE FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR CAR!



Detroit, Michigan—A National Airline, the battery manufacturers, trucking companies, yacht clubs and diesel users... are praising the amazing chemical, non-acid liquid—**"VX/6"**—that tends a surge of never-failing power through your battery INSTANTLY... even if your car has been in dead storage for 6 months... in broiling desert heat... in 40° below zero arctic weather... in jungles where rain falls for 90 days at a time... in submarines... in around the world air flights!

Yes, a brilliant chemical engineer has perfected an entirely new liquid formula that makes even a "dead battery" spring to life instantly... that makes any battery—old or new—good for 10 years or longer! Now you can start your car in one second... never have a run-down battery for the rest of your life!

This is the most electrifying development of the past sixty years for you 130 million car owners.

Imagine! For only a few pennies you can have 24-hour a day insurance against battery failures from now on! No more stopping dead on crowded highways, in tunnels, on bridges. No more expensive tows, no more laying out \$25.00 to \$40.00 every year for new batteries! Now—even if your present battery is two years old and can't take another charge... you can give it more power than it had when new simply by pouring **"VX/6"** into each cell... and the instantaneous new power will never fail you... you can start instantly—within one second—at least 27 times... every day for the next 10 years! There never was a guarantee like this in automotive history! Think of what this means to you. Your new or old beat-up battery must turn over instantly 27 times a day for the life of your car... or we'll pay the cost of getting your battery started anytime, anywhere between now and the time you sell your car and refund your money, too! This is an unconditional guarantee. Only a battery additive that has been subjected to every kind of "torture test" on over 10,000 cars over a period of 5 years before it was released to the public would dare make such a guarantee! Battery Additive is recognized and accepted by the Bureau of Standards. Used to improve torpedo propulsion systems, by industry, airlines, diesel locomotives, battery manufacturers, air conditioning plants, truck fleet owners. Ships at sea, such as the Queen Mary, and Queen Elizabeth use similar devices. Is insured against failure by famous Lloyds of London!

A NATIONAL AIRLINE RECHARGED TRUCK BATTERIES EVERY 3 DAYS—NOW 3,750 STARTS... EACH BATTERY GOOD FOR 10 YEARS MORE!

National Airlines used fork-lift trucks... each averaged 125 starts a day on busy airfields. As a result, EACH BATTERY HAD TO BE RECHARGED EVERY THREE OR FOUR DAYS! Since **"VX/6"** was added, each truck has been started on an average of 3,750 times without one recharge! Result: savings of thousands of dollars, savings of man-hours... and each battery is now good for at least 10 years more of over 100 starts a day!

Why you are forced to buy a new battery in the next 8 months if you drive your car regularly!

As you know, your battery supplies the electric current for the ignition, all your engine equipment—PLUGS—POWER TO CRANK YOUR ENGINE!

When you use any of the equipment (radio, heater, windshield wipers, lights, etc.) or when you leave your car stand idle, the battery discharges electric current. Two things happen

1. Some of the active materials from the lead plates shed or fall off forming useless

"battery mud". THIS IS THE FIRST REASON YOU LOSE POWER...

2. Since all storage batteries contain a number of cells, each of which encloses several lead plates and separators, and since each cell is filled with water and sulphuric acid, an electrochemical action must take place in which the acid coming in contact with the lead plates makes electrical current. When the plates are partially covered with hard, inactive lead sulphate, the electrochemical action cannot take place and the battery goes dead!

How you must save with "VX/6"

1. Every time you recharge your present battery you shorten its life and you add to the cost of the battery! With **"VX/6"** you can stop worrying about recharging your battery... never shorten its life... never add expenses to your car overhead!

2. Every time your battery runs down, you strain the generator of your automobile. A dead battery will eventually ruin the other electrical equipment in the engine. Only with **"VX/6"** can you extend the life of your battery and prevent the costly damage a dead battery will cause!

3. A dead, irreparable battery may constitute expensive, sometimes damaging towing charges. You will save this costly road service immediately with **"VX/6"** in your present battery.

4. Your present day battery must run down regardless of the amount of use it receives. Since your battery is not a lifetime battery you will eventually have to spend \$25 to \$35 on a new battery. Only with **"VX/6"** in your battery can you insure against a dead battery and additional battery expenses.

5. If you depend on your car, and can't use it due to battery failure, you will run up additional expenses in transportation.

Thousands of testimonials like these

We highly recommend **"VX/6"** to everyone. No danger of overcharge... never any need to recharge a battery with this amazing liquid in batteries. Gives batteries a never-failing surge of power... that lasts and lasts.

L. A., Miami Battery Exchange
Miami, Florida

Started using **"VX/6"** four years ago. Saved us \$400 on maintenance and replacement costs... to say nothing of inconvenience of batteries "going dead." J. S., Associated Diamond Cabs
Miami, Florida

Have been using **"VX/6"** in our 30 trucks for past few years. This non-acid formula is years ahead... it means we can use worn-out batteries for years more, has tripled and more the life of present batteries. L. G., Sunny Brook Farms
Miami, Florida

Tried **"VX/6"** in batteries with two dead cells... after pouring in **"VX/6"** BATTERIES WITH DEAD CELLS SHOWED FULL CAPACITY! Same results on thousands of other batteries tested. L. J., Imperial Battery Company
Miami, Florida

A million times better than sulphuric acid... 400% more economical, more efficient in blistering heat... NOW OUR TRUCKS ENJOY FASTER STARTING, BRIGHTER LIGHTS AND BETTER OPERATION OF ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT!

I. S., National Mover Co
Miami, Florida

Have used **"VX/6"** in all batteries for over three years. NOT ONE SINGLE BATTERY FAILURE YET. THIS IS A MIRACLE AND A SAVINGS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR A BIG FLEET SUCH AS OURS.

A. S., Mechanics Overall Service
Miami, Florida

Most of the batteries traded in are "weak" or "dead". BUT **"VX/6"** TURNED OLD BATTERIES INTO NEW BATTERIES... NOT ONE REPLACEMENT YET! IT'S AMAZING!

B. S., Dixie Motors
Miami, Florida

Over 30,837,000 batteries went dead in traffic in 1956!

It's a true fact—as you can easily find out. Imagine! Over thirty million cars "stopped dead" in heavy traffic... in the middle of bridges... in tunnels... on speed highways! Whole weekends were ruined! Families stood shivering by the roadside while the driver had to walk to put in an emergency call for a tow truck. Thousands of others had to flag down cars and taxis and offer ten dollars or more for a push! Still others were killed on highways trying to get the car started! Play safe—pour a little **"VX/6"** in each battery cell and you can have complete peace of mind... for years to come. No matter how old your battery cell is... you can take cross-country trips, travel over steaming deserts, plough through snow... leave your car standing in the rain—YET YOUR BATTERY WILL ALWAYS TURN OVER THE VERY INSTANT YOU TOUCH THE STARTER BUTTON... 27 times a day for the life of your car with amazing **"VX/6"** to safeguard you.

World famed Magazine tells the astonishing story!

Yes, a famous magazine released the exciting story of how a battery can last longer than the life of a car! It tells how the battery is every motorist's greatest headache. If left unattended, it dies. If it gets low in subzero weather, it is likely to crack. It usually has to be replaced every year-and-a-half! Yet now you can have a battery that runs up to 10 years or more! Now you can have the same lifetime power as an expensive nickel-cadmium battery famous the world over... simply by pouring in a little **"VX/6"** into each cell!

Public Service Laboratory tests with "VX/6"

PROCEDURE: A discarded Delco 6 Volt battery was used for the following tests. History of this battery indicated that it had failed in use and was unable to hold a charge.

I. We added **"VX/6"** and charged the battery.

II. Battery was installed on 1955 Ford. With lights and radio on and ignition off. Self starter was run until battery was so run down, lights would not function or starter turn over. After less than two minutes with lights turned off battery started car motor with a surge of power regained during brief 90 second interval.

III. Battery was subjected to 40°F below Zero temperature for a continuous 24 hour period. Tests after 24 hours indi-

cated ability to instantly start motor and operate electrical system at full efficiency. No loss of voltage occurred.

IV. Battery was subjected to an oven temperature of 160°F. No loss of electrolyte solution or power was indicated by test, and ability to perform starting and electrical functions remained at full rated efficiency.

V. After treating battery with **"VX/6"** and restoring power, 25% increase in light brightness was noted.

With "VX/6" in your battery you will find improvements you never expected!

1. Your headlights are 25% brighter.
2. Check your battery—will show higher terminal voltage.
3. Car starts immediately—time after time.
4. Extra reserve of power for radio, heater, etc.
5. Your battery recuperates its power faster.
6. Strong enough to start in sub-normal, cold or heat.

TAKE THIS 4 SECOND BATTERY CHECK RIGHT NOW! DELAYS ARE COSTLY!

Open the hood of your car and look at the battery. The green or white formations you see around the anode and cathode, on the top and sides is **sulphation**! Sulphation means your battery is collecting mud... the plates are flaking and the battery is dying! UNLESS YOU ADD **"VX/6"** IMMEDIATELY, YOU WILL HAVE TO SPEND \$25.00 to \$40.00 FOR A NEW BATTERY!

INSURED BY FAMOUS LLOYD'S OF LONDON!

Yes, the most famous insurance company on the globe—Lloyd's of London—have insured **"VX/6"** for products liability. It's tested and approved by the "Public Service"... you KNOW that if it doesn't do everything we claim... you get your money back now... next year... in 1960 or in 1967. No new product ever released to the public was ever backed by such careful testing... was ever endorsed by so many giant companies, was ever used by so many countries and leaders of industry!

MAIL NO-RISK COUPON THIS VERY SECOND!

VOLTEX COMPANY Dept. ACG-6 One Park Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Gentlemen:
I'm sold! Send me a giant-sized bottle of **"VX/6"** immediately... enough for either a three or six cell battery! It is understood that if my battery doesn't start instantly... and if it doesn't start instantly for at least 27 times a day for the life of my car... I can claim my money back. I will pay the postman just the amount checked below plus C.O.D. charges: ☐ \$2.98 ☐ 2 for \$5.00

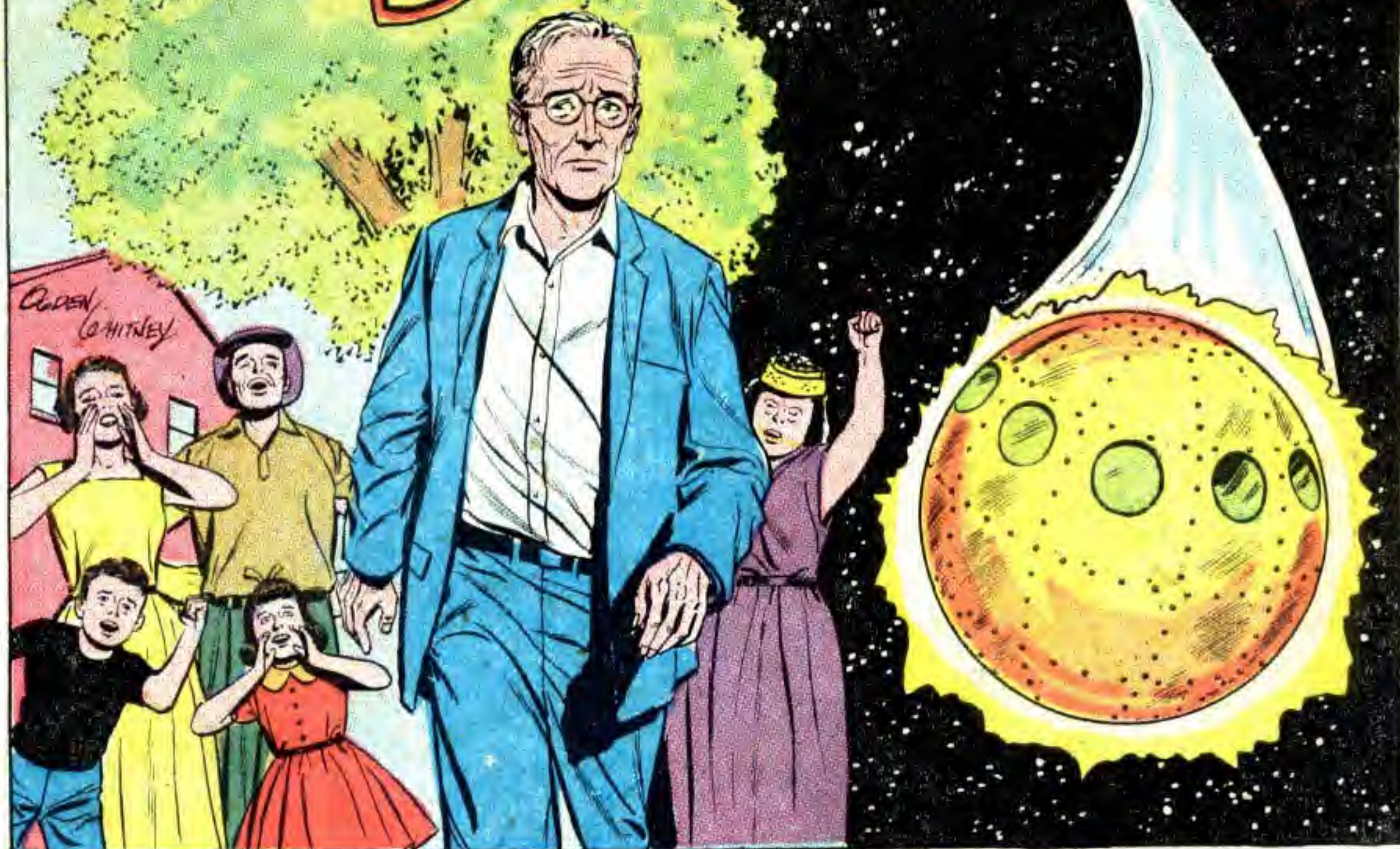
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HERE'S AN ODD STORY...A STORY THAT STRIKES HOME IN THESE DANGEROUS DAYS IN WHICH THE STARS HAVE MOVED CLOSE AND TWO GREAT POWERS STRIVE FOR THE DOMINATION OF EARTH AND OUTER SPACE! **EXAGGERATED?** YES... BUT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LODGING ITS MESSAGE IN THE HEARTS OF ALL OF US! READ FOR YOURSELF THE ALL-TOO-FAMILIAR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE CREATED THIS STORY ENTITLED...

"Missing...ONE SCIENTIST!"



ELSTON MORRELL WAS AN IMAGINATIVE KID ---AN AVID READER---

I DON'T LIKE IT! HE'S ALWAYS GOT HIS NOSE IN A BOOK---



BUT IT WASN'T ALWAYS A BOOK... FOR THE MARVELS OF THE WORLD AROUND HIM FASCINATED THE BOY---

SOMEDAY, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO REACH THE STARS! WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF IT WERE ME?



BUT UNFORTUNATELY, A BOY WHO THINKS AND READS TOO MUCH ISN'T ALWAYS **POPULAR**---

HEY, HERE COMES MAMA'S BOY!

WOTTA SISSY!

BEAT IT AN' GET BACK TO YER BOOKS!



AND AT COLLEGE...WHILE OTHER STUDENTS WERE BUSY AT THESE PURSUITS...



...THIS IS WHAT KEPT ELSTON MORRELL BUSY!



HE WAS GRADUATED WITH THE HIGHEST HONORS THE COLLEGE HAD EVER BESTOWED...

...AND TO ELSTON MORRELL GOES THE WOODWORTH MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE!



WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM THEN? DID HE FIND PEOPLE AWAITING HIM, ANXIOUS TO PLACE HIM WHERE HE COULD CARRY OUT THE GREAT WORK FOR WHICH HE SEEMED DESTINED? NO...INSTEAD, THIS IS WHAT HE FOUND...

...AND I...I SPECIALIZED IN PURE SCIENCE! MY PROFESSORS SAID I HAD A LOT OF PROMISE IN THEORETICAL AND APPLIED PHYSICS... AND I CAN DO RESEARCH...

YEAH, YEAH... I'VE MET LONG-HAIRED BOYS LIKE YOU BEFORE! SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE A THING! NOW, IF IT WAS AN OPENING AS A **BOND SALESMAN** YOU WERE LOOKING FOR...

ALL AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY



FINALLY, HE SECURED THE ONLY "SCIENTIFIC" JOB HE COULD FIND OPEN FOR HIM! IT WAS IN THE LABORATORY OF A LARGE TOOTH PASTE MANUFACTURER...

THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL WORK! YOUR JOB IS TO RUN OFF TESTS THAT'LL PROVE THREE CONCLUSIONS! FIRST, THAT **WHITEY** MAKES TEETH WHITER THAN ANY OTHER DENTIFRICE... SECOND, THAT WITH **WHITEY**, TEETH STAY WHITER LONGER... THIRD, THAT PEOPLE THAT USE **WHITEY** SUCCEED MORE IN LIFE THAN OTHERS!

I...SEE! PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE STARTED USING IT EARLIER MYSELF!



THAT WAS IT...AND AS TIME PASSED...

SO THIS IS WHAT I'VE COME TO! ME...WITH ALL MY VISIONS OF GREATNESS...



THE BARREN YEARS FOLLOWED EACH OTHER! HE WAS A MIDDLE-AGED MAN, BEATEN AND DEFEATED, WHEN, ONE DAY, HE RECEIVED A SUMMONS TO A LAWYER'S OFFICE...

SURE I KNEW I HAD A WEALTHY COUSIN IN CANADA...I'VE GOT A LOT OF RELATIVES THERE! HOW COME THIS ONE LEFT A BEQUEST TO ME?

YOUR COUSIN WAS A MEAN, HARD-TO-GET-ALONG-WITH TYPE! HE FOUGHT WITH ALL OF HIS CLOSER RELATIVES, BUT YOU WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE FAR AWAY...WHICH IS WHY YOU INHERIT A TIDY SUM!

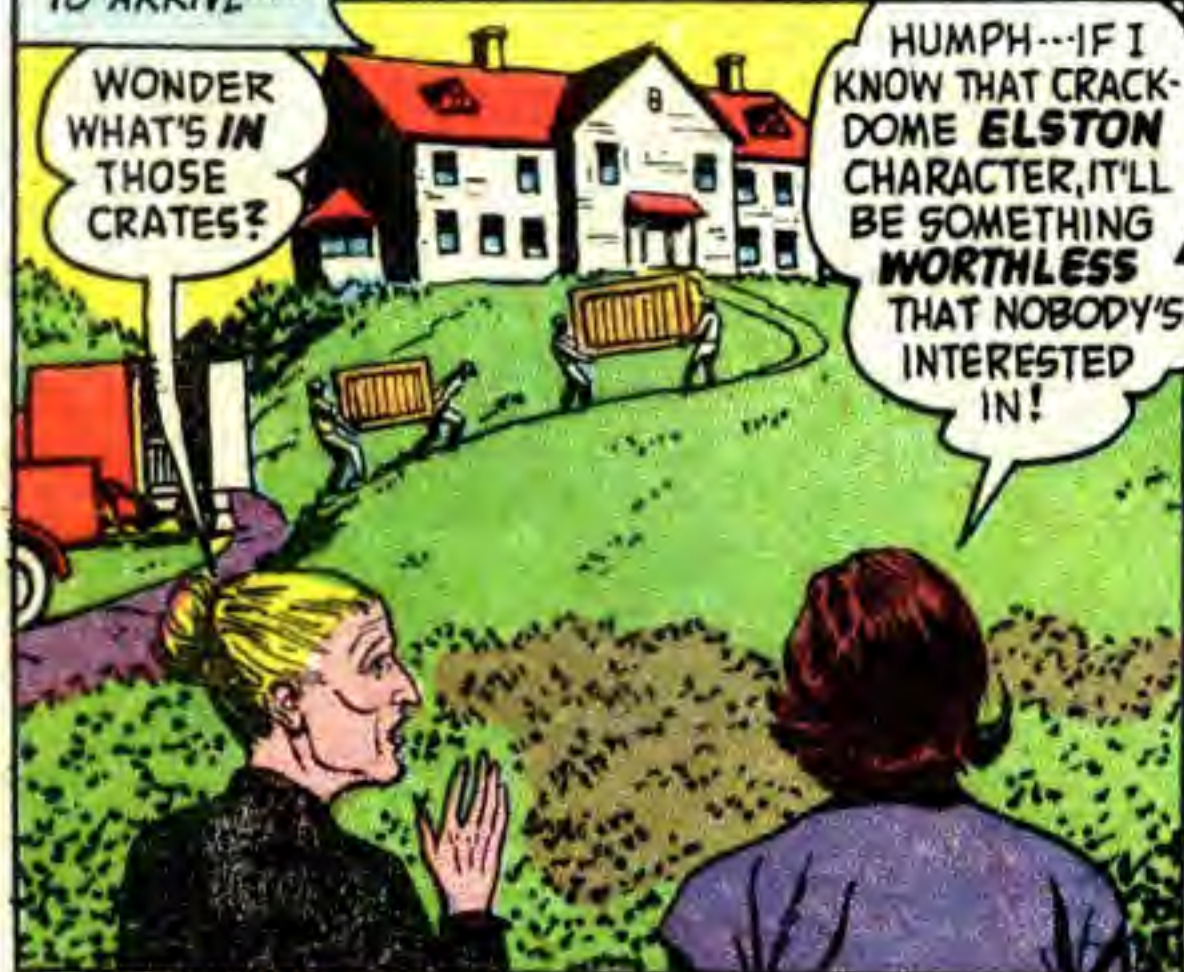


FROM WHAT I KNOW ABOUT YOU, YOU'LL HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING UP TO DO! WHAT'LL YOU USE YOUR INHERITANCE FOR? A HOUSE...A SNAPPY AUTOMOBILE...YOU'LL HAVE ENOUGH, YOU KNOW!

NO, NOTHING LIKE THAT! I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF WHAT I'D DO WITH MONEY IF I WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET MY HANDS ON ENOUGH...AND NOW I'M GOING TO SEE IT THROUGH!



AND SO ELSTON MORRELL RETURNED TO HIS OLD HOME TOWN AND RENTED A LARGE HOUSE ON THE OUTSKIRTS! AND SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT OF EVERY TYPE COMMENCED TO ARRIVE...



BUT HE BUSIED HIMSELF WORKING IN THE LABORATORY HE'D SET UP! AT LONG LAST, HE WAS ENGAGED IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WITH A FUTURE...AND HE WAS HAPPY...



BUT BECAUSE HE WAS DIFFERENT, HE WASN'T ALLOWED TO WORK IN PEACE...



HE TRIED TO FORGET THESE INTERRUPTIONS...FOR HE WAS ON THE TRACK OF SOMETHING...



WISTFULLY, HE WANTED THE APPROVAL OF HIS FELLOW MAN! AND SO, WHEN HE WAS READY, HE LET WORD LEAK OUT...



HMMMM! TELL ME...HOW CAN YOU PROVE SHE WORKS?

OH, I KNOW IT'LL WORK...BUT I **AM** GOING TO TRY IT OUT IN HENDERSON'S PASTURE NEXT SATURDAY MORNING!



DAYS BECAME MONTHS...MONTHS DRIFTED INTO YEARS...AND HE CONTINUED HIS SOLITARY WORK IN HIS LABORATORY! HE HAD WITHDRAWN COMPLETELY FROM THE WORLD...

THIS IS IT...THE GREAT THING I HAD ALWAYS HOPED TO PRODUCE! BUT **THEY'LL** NEVER KNOW!



MEANWHILE, GREAT THINGS WERE HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OUTSIDE! ON A FATEFUL DAY IN 1957...



HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCES WERE HURRIEDLY CALLED...IN THE PENTAGON...IN THE WHITE HOUSE...

ALL RIGHT... THEY DID IT! NOW **WE'VE** GOT TO CATCH UP...**BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! BUT HOW?**

THEIR SCIENCE HAS SHOT AHEAD WHILE OURS HAS LAGGED! WHAT WE'VE GOT TO DO IS ENLIST AMERICA'S SCIENTISTS IN A CRASH PROGRAM TO **OVER-COME THE RUSSIAN LEAD!**



THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAD A SPECIAL ROLE IN THE PROGRAM! IT WAS THEIR TASK TO HUNT OUT MEN OF PROMISING SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND WHO, THROUGH THE YEARS, HAD DROPPED OUT OF SIGHT...

HERE'S THE LAD YOU TWO HAVE GOT TO LOCATE! BACK IN HIS COLLEGE DAYS, HE WAS REGARDED AS ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST POTENTIAL SCIENTISTS...BUT NOTHING'S BEEN HEARD OF HIM FOR **YEARS!**

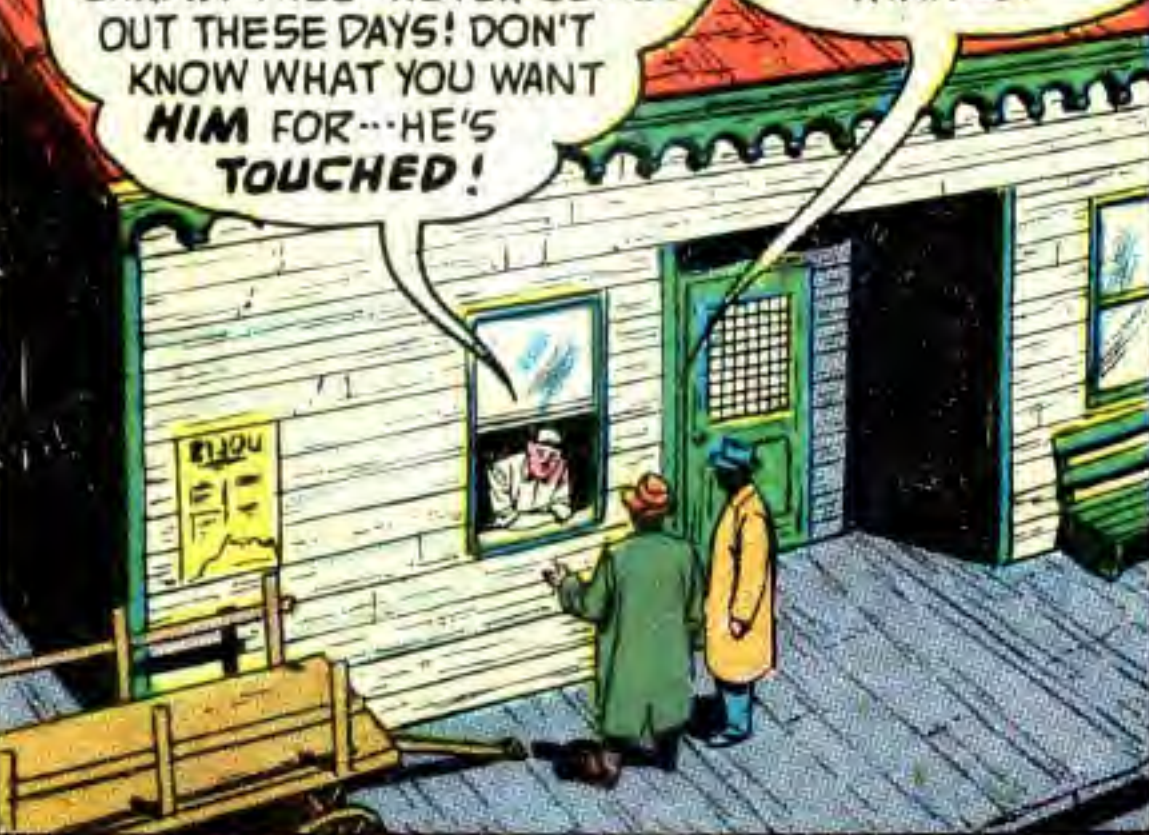
ELSTON MORRELL, EH? WE'LL FIND HIM... IF HE'S STILL **ALIVE**, THAT IS!



ONE FALSE LEAD AFTER ANOTHER AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO TRACK HIM THROUGH THE LOST YEARS! BUT FINALLY, A CORRECT LEAD...

MORRELL? WHY, SURE...LIVES UP IN THAT OLD PLACE ON CARDIFF HILL...NEVER COMES OUT THESE DAYS! DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT **HIM** FOR...HE'S **TOUCHED!**

NEVERTHELESS... **WE WANT HIM!** THANKS!



AT THE OLD HOUSE, REPEATED KNOCKS BROUGHT NO ANSWER...

SAY, THE DOOR'S OPEN! MIGHT AS WELL GO IN, HUH?

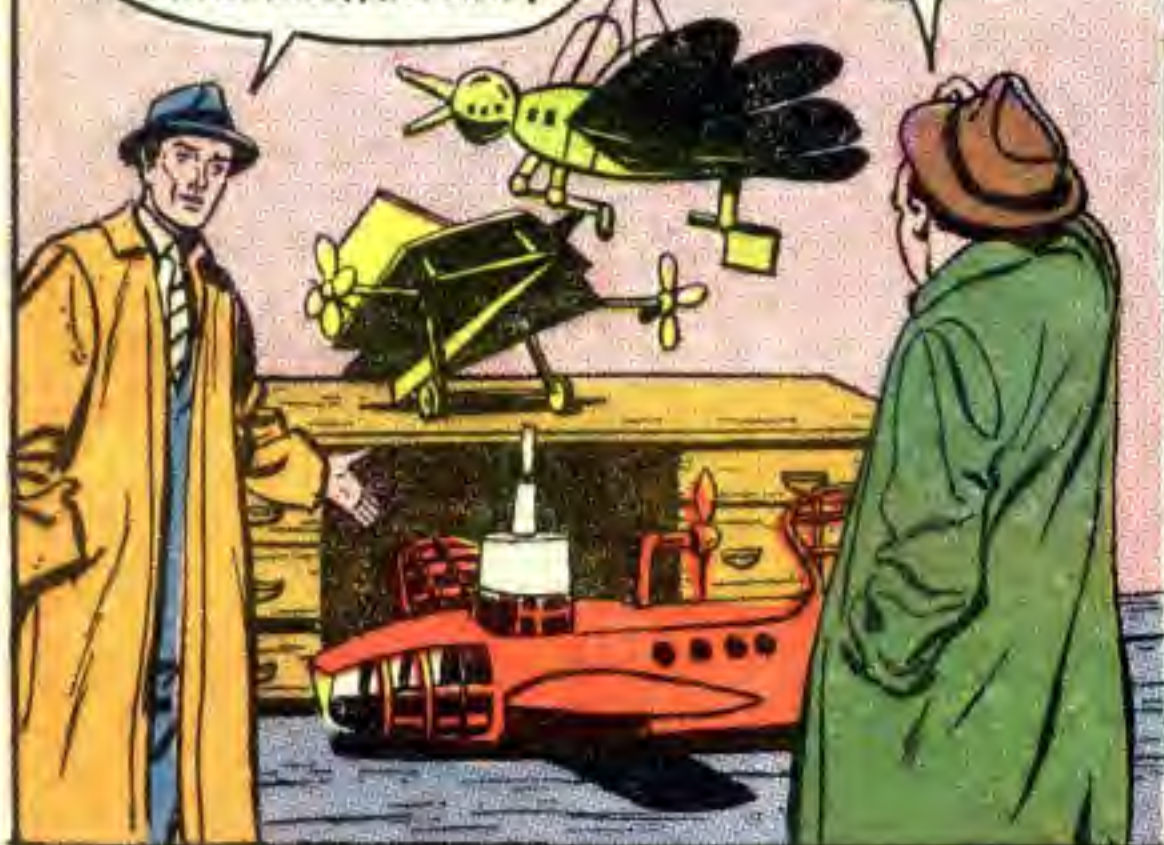
IF HE NEVER COMES OUT, WHY DIDN'T HE ANSWER? WE KNOCKED LOUDLY ENOUGH TO WAKE THE DEAD!



THEY WALKED FROM ROOM TO ROOM, CALLING...BUT THERE WAS ONLY SILENCE...

NOBODY! HEY, LOOK AT THOSE THINGS! WHAT DO YOU FIGURE THEY ARE, ANYWAY?

I CAN'T FIGURE IT! CRAZY SORT OF STUFF, HUH?



DOESN'T IT STRIKE YOU THAT ALL THESE THINGS ARE ALONG THE LINE OF **SPACE SHIPS**...IN A WACKY SORT OF WAY?

YOU'VE HIT IT! MAYBE THE PEOPLE AROUND HERE ARE RIGHT IN WHAT THEY THINK OF HIM!...LET'S SEE WHAT'S THROUGH THAT DOOR OVER THERE!



IT WAS THE INNERMOST LABORATORY! AS THEY CROSSED OVER THE THRESHOLD, A CORD TRIPPED ONE OF THE AGENTS...

OOF!



Then, suddenly...A HARSH VOICE RESOUNDED THROUGHOUT THE ROOM!

SO AT LAST SOMEONE HAS THOUGHT ENOUGH OF ME TO COME TO SEEK ME OUT! BUT IT'S **TOO LATE!**

THAT MUST BE ELSTON MORRELL! HE'S **HERE!**



BUT ELSTON **WASN'T** THERE! INSTEAD...

THAT CORD ACROSS THE DOOR MUST HAVE TRIPPED THIS RECORDING INTO MOTION! **LISTEN!**

PEOPLE CARED LITTLE FOR ME AND MY INVENTIONS...THEY LAUGHED AT ME, SCORNE ME! AND SO, ON NOVEMBER 23RD, I ENTERED ONE OF THE INVENTIONS THAT THIS NATION HAS DERIDED...AND DEPARTED FROM THIS WORLD!



BY THE TIME YOU DISCOVER THIS RECORDING, I MAY BE LONG SINCE DEAD...BUT IF I'M STILL ALIVE, YOU MAY BE ABLE TO CONTACT ME! THROW THE TELEVISOR SWITCH ON THE MAIN CONTROL PANEL...AND **STAND BY!**

HE SAYS HE LEFT NOVEMBER 23RD...THAT'S LESS THAN A WEEK AGO! LET'S SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL **ABOUT!**



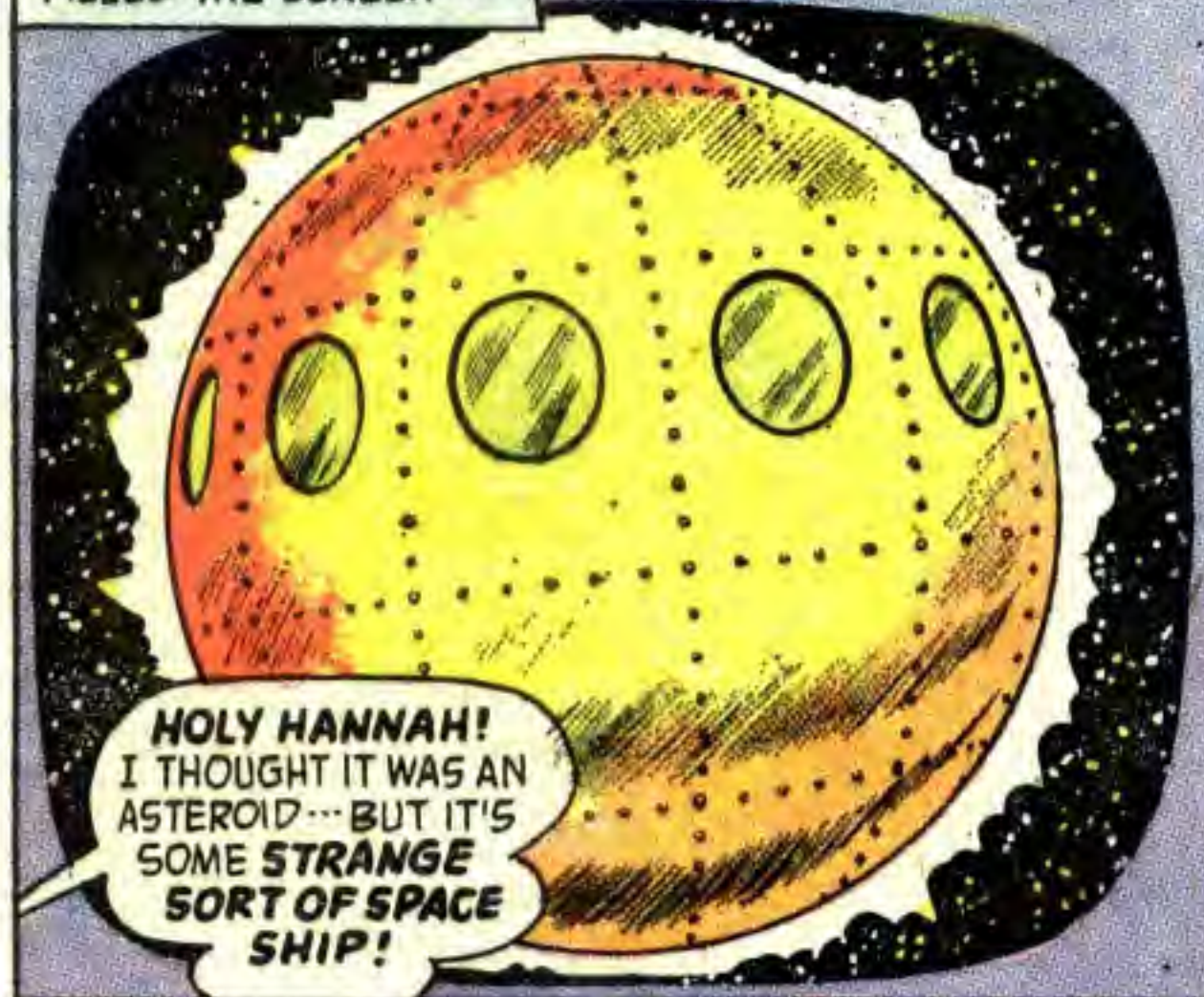
As the switch was thrown, a section of the wall slid noiselessly aside, revealing a huge television screen! AND THERE, BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES...

WHAT THE...THIS IS A SCENE IN **OUTER SPACE!** BUT...BUT NOBODY'S EVER BEEN UP **THAT** FAR...HOW'S IT COMING TO US?

I DON'T KNOW...BUT WHAT'S COMING OUT OF THE BACKGROUND? SEE IT...THAT SMALL, LUMINOUS BALL? WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S COMING UP AT TREMENDOUS SPEED!



NEARER AND NEARER IT CAME, UNTIL IT ALMOST FILLED THE SCREEN...



HOLY HANNAH!
I THOUGHT IT WAS AN
ASTEROID... BUT IT'S
SOME **STRANGE**
SORT OF **SPACE**
SHIP!

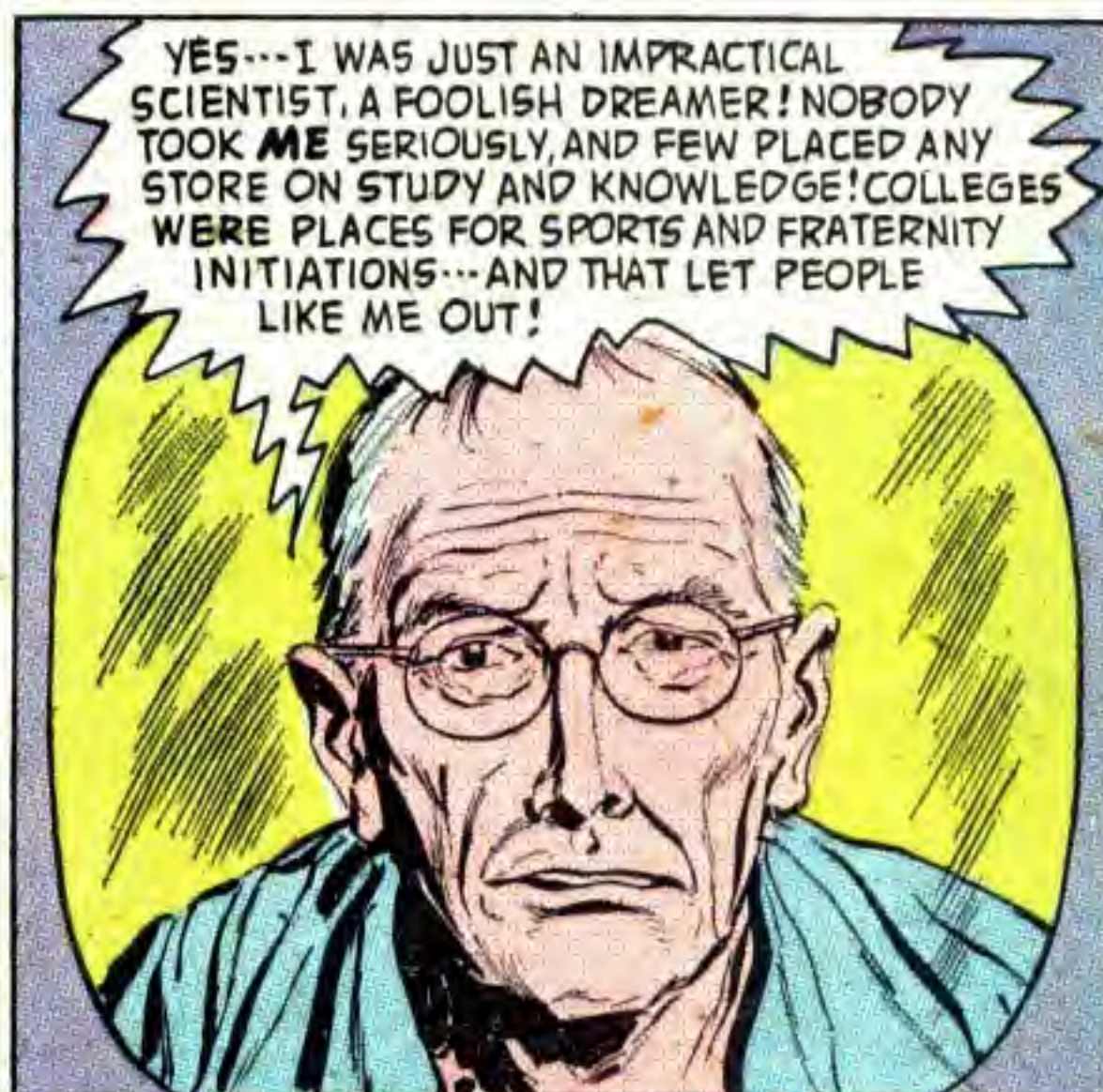


AH... I GATHER FROM
THESE SIGNALS THAT I HAVE
VISITORS IN MY LABORATORY
BELOW! GREETINGS... **BUT**
YOU DIDN'T COME IN
TIME!

BUZZZZZ...



AH, IF ONLY YOU'D COME **EARLIER!**
THE SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF MY
FELLOWMEN MEANT SO MUCH TO
ME... BUT I DIDN'T GET THEM!
INSTEAD, THERE WERE ONLY
JEERS... MOCKERY...



YES... I WAS JUST AN IMPRACTICAL
SCIENTIST, A FOOLISH DREAMER! NOBODY
TOOK **ME** SERIOUSLY, AND FEW PLACED ANY
STORE ON STUDY AND KNOWLEDGE! COLLEGES
WERE PLACES FOR SPORTS AND FRATERNITY
INITIATIONS... AND THAT LET PEOPLE
LIKE ME OUT!



CAN YOU BLAME ME, THEN,
FOR WANTING TO GET AWAY
FROM THE LIFE I LED DOWN
BELOW? I BUILT A SPHERE THAT
CAN MOUNT TO THE STARS... AND
ONLY **I** KNOW ITS SECRET! I'VE
CUT THE TIES THAT BOUND
ME AND ESCAPED... **NEVER**
TO RETURN!

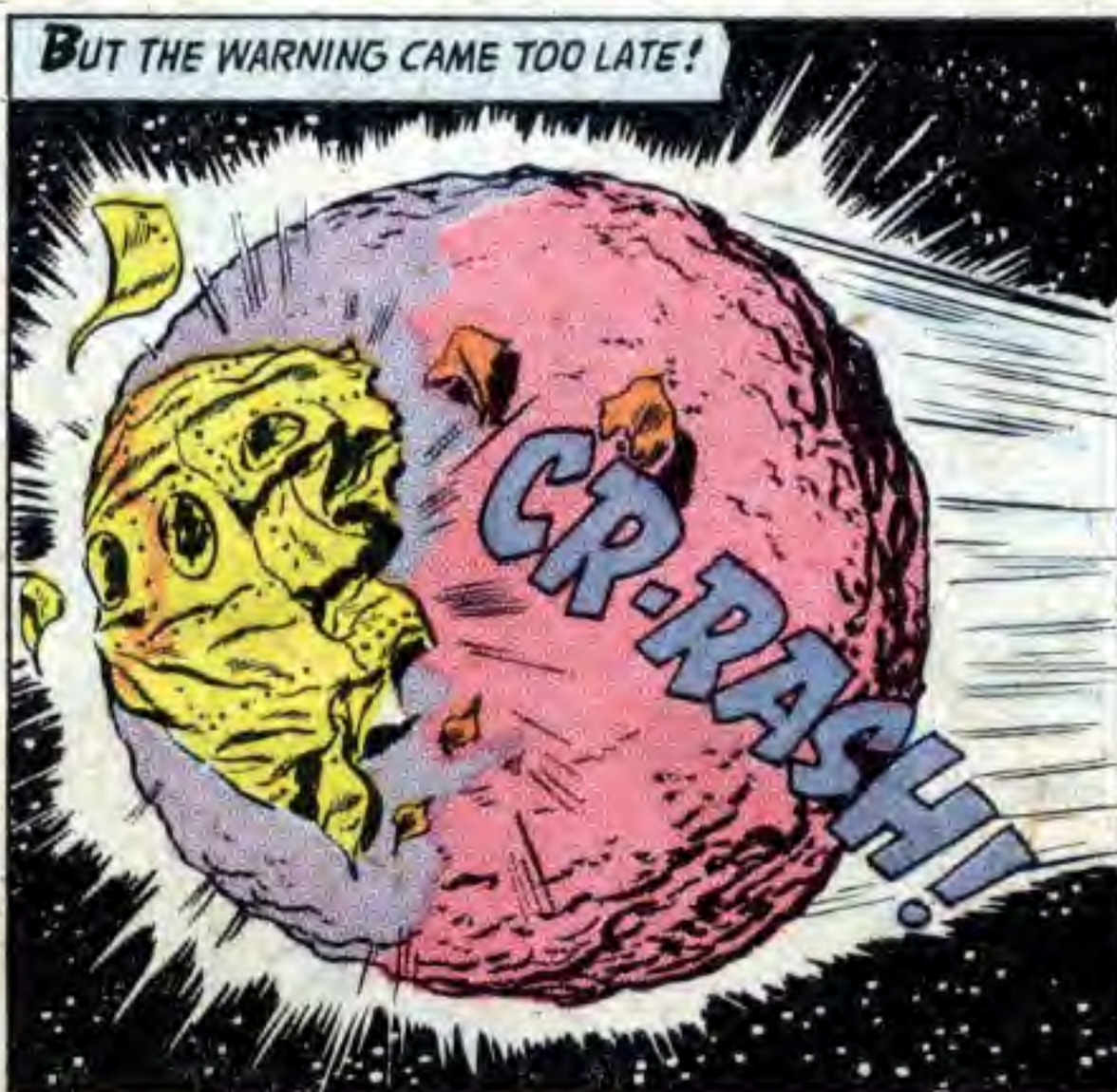
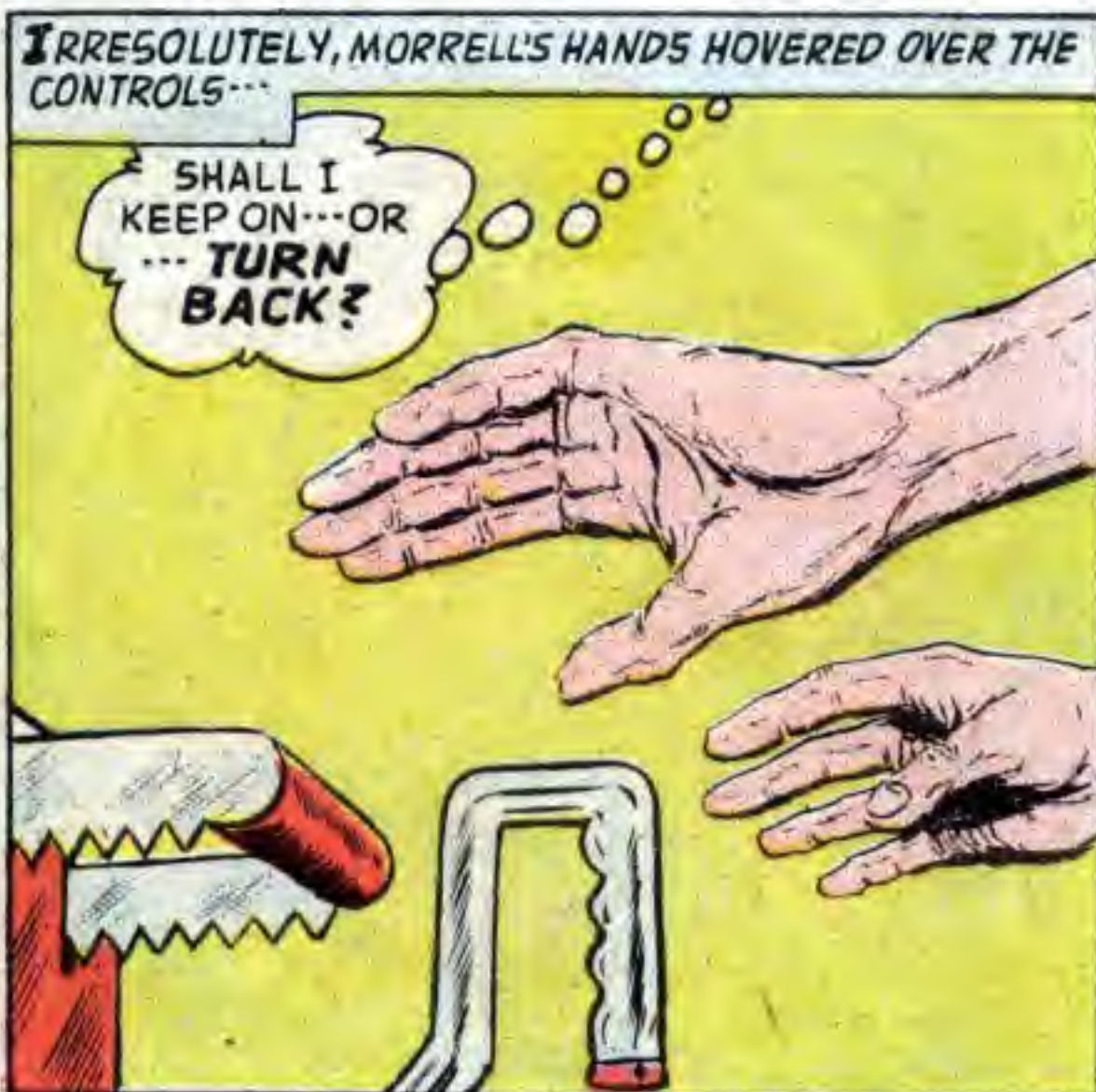
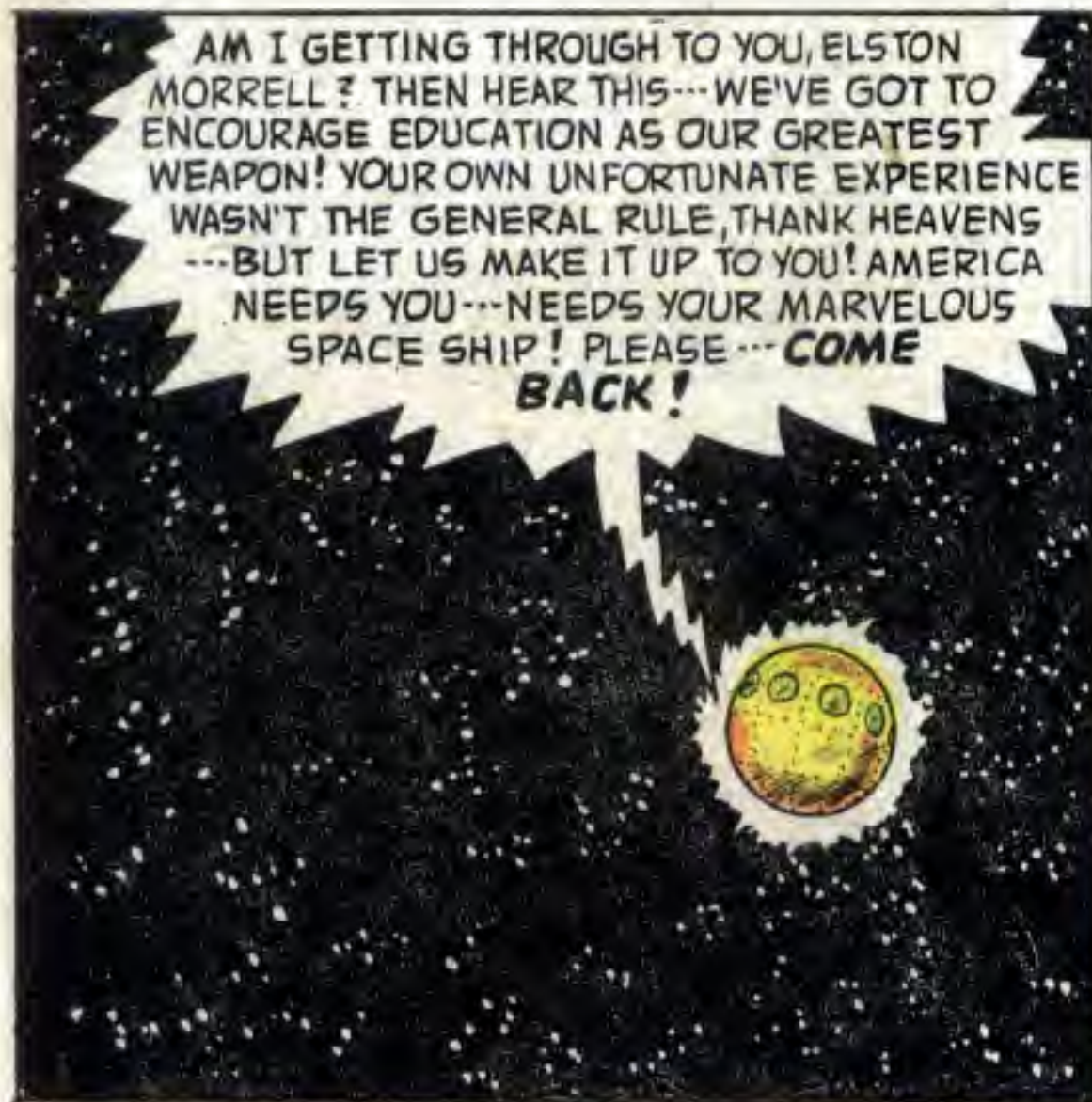
LOOK... THAT
MICROPHONE...
MAYBE IT'S THERE
SO THAT WE CAN
COMMUNICATE
WITH **HIM!**



DR. MORRELL... YOU'VE GOT TO
LISTEN! IN THE WEEK YOU'VE
BEEN GONE, THINGS HAVE **CHANGED!**
SOVIET RUSSIA HAS SENT UP A
SATELLITE, **SPUTNIK**... AND HAS
SOARED INTO THE LEAD IN THE
FIELD OF GUIDED MISSILES AND
SPACE TRAVEL! AND WE'VE
GOT TO ANSWER THE
CHALLENGE!



RED SCIENTISTS HAVE
GOTTEN AHEAD OF OURS...
AND WE KNOW THE REASON
WHY! WE'VE LEARNED OUR
LESSON... WE KNOW **NOW**
THAT ABLE SCIENTISTS,
WITH THEIR GIFT OF
KNOWLEDGE, ARE A
NATION'S MOST VALU-
ABLE POSSESSION IN
TIMES OF DANGER!



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short or tall, skinny or fat, office-worker, laborer, school-boy, or businessman, I must make a new virile he-man out of you, and also . . . help build "inner strength" that will give you that virile look, that women admire and men envy. Here's what I did for Clancy Ross, one of the many thousands of weaklings I turned into He-Men.



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STEVE MARTIN WAS THE BUTT OF THE MUSEUM STAFF! YOU SEE, HE HAD ODD THEORIES...

I'M TELLING YOU...MY TRANSLATIONS OF ANCIENT PALIMPSESTS REVEAL THAT IN NORTHERN TIBET, LONG BEFORE THE DAWN OF RECORDED HISTORY, A **STRANGE RACE** EXISTED!

HA-HA! YOU KEEP ON SAYING THAT, STEVIE...**STRANGE**...BUT HOW?



I...I DON'T **KNOW**! BUT I'D STAKE EVERYTHING ON THE ACCURACY OF MY TRANSLATIONS! THEY WEREN'T LIKE TODAY'S HUMANS... THEY WERE...WELL...**STRANGE**!

YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW US! WE'RE HEADING FOR TIBET IN OUR NEXT EXPEDITION!

THEY DUG IN THE AREA THAT STEVE HAD SUGGESTED...

IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE PUT ANY STOCK IN YOUR THEORIES...WE'RE DIGGING HERE ONLY BECAUSE THERE **ARE** SOME INDICATIONS OF AN ANCIENT CIVILIZATION IN THIS VICINITY!



THEY UNCOVERED IMPRESSIVE RELICS...

MAYBE YOU WERE RIGHT AT **THAT**! LOOK AT THE **SIZE** OF THESE...THEY MUST HAVE BELONGED TO A RACE OF **GIANTS**!

SORRY, BUT I'M NOT VINDICATED **YET**! MY THEORY WAS THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGER THAN MERE **SIZE** ABOUT THESE PEOPLE!



THERE WERE OTHER STRIKING FINDS...

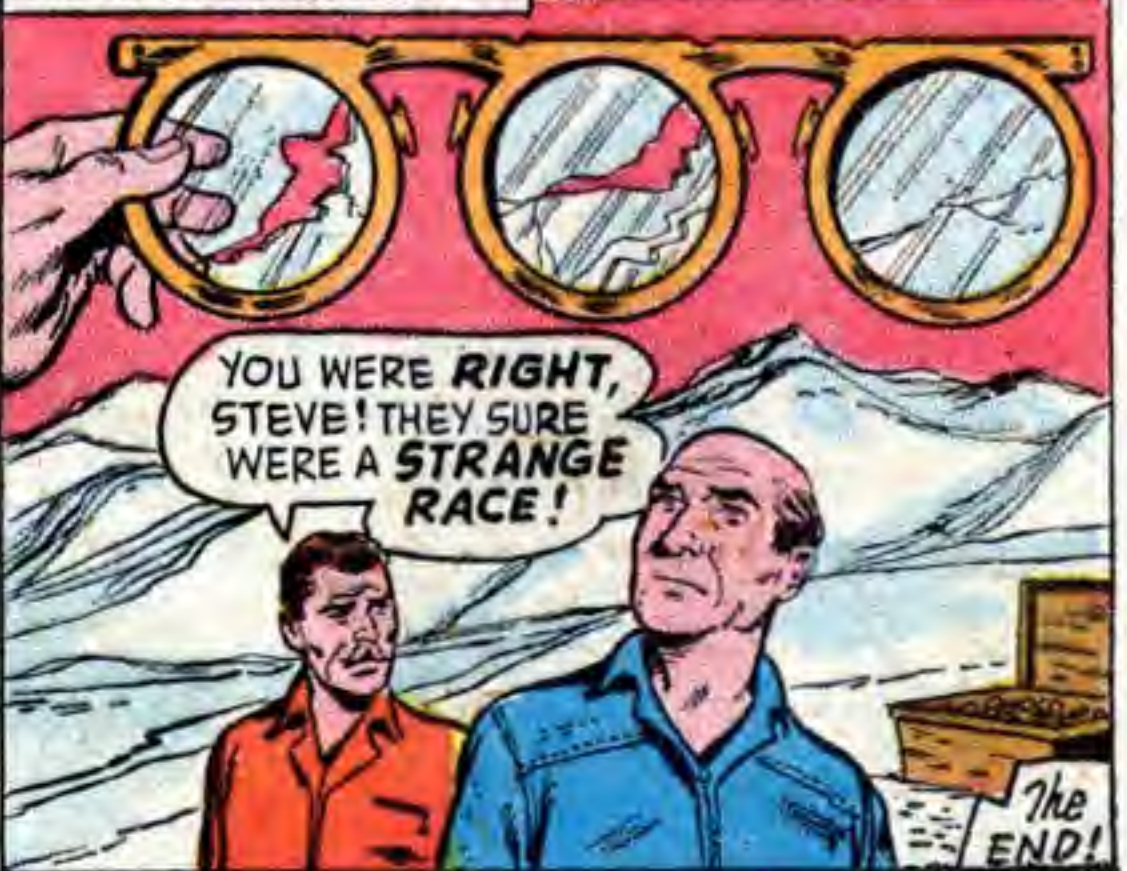
LOOK AT THESE WAR IMPLEMENTS...CAN YOU IMAGINE HOW **BIG** THOSE PEOPLE WERE? AND THE CREDIT FOR THIS FIND GOES TO **STEVE**!

I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED! I'D BEEN LED TO EXPECT SOMETHING EVEN **STRANGER**!

COME THIS WAY, QUICK! YOU...YOU **WON'T BELIEVE WHAT WE JUST FOUND!**



HUGE BIN, FILLED WITH THE RUSTED, ANCIENT FRAMES OF WHAT HAD EVIDENTLY BEEN **EYEGLASSES**! AND, JUDGING FROM THEIR NUMBER, PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY IN THE TRIBE HAD WORN THEM! BUT THESE EYEGLASSES WERE **DIFFERENT**...



YOU WERE **RIGHT**, STEVE! THEY SURE WERE A **STRANGE RACE**!

The END!



Hello again, all you wonderful "Adventures Into The Unknown" fans! Another month's passed, and we hope it's been a good one for you. And we'll try to make the coming one better through this extra-special-super-duper issue. We've hand-picked the stories, and hope you like them. Let us know, will you? Address your letter to The Editor, "Adventures Into The Unknown," 347 Fifth Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Tell us what you really think, bouquets and brickbats both, since only by knowing your opinions can we keep on improving this magazine of ours. Here's what some of our other readers are saying:

"Dear Editor:-

I've been reading 'Adventures Into The Unknown' since its 79th issue—it couldn't get any better! First let me give my opinion on your annual. I've just finished reading your No. 95, and think you should make your hundredth issue the big annual, to celebrate this important birthday! I sure do like your magazine, and I'm looking forward eagerly to those 'science fiction' and flying saucer' stories you will have in the future.

—Steve Fisher, San Francisco, Cal."

Great idea, that 100th issue number—we wish we'd had it before! Too bad, but we aren't going to be able to arrange it, because this is Issue No. 99 already, and those big books take a lot of preparation. We're glad you like our book, Steve. As for the science fiction yarns, they're no longer a matter of the future—they're happening right now! Our policy is to carry one in every issue. No. 95 had "Journey To The Moon," No. 96 had "Space Adventurer," No. 97 had "Strange Delusion," No. 98 had "Biggest Thing In The World" and No. 99, the present issue, has "Missing, One Scientist!"

"Dear Editor:-

I'd like to see a big letter spread permanently in 'Adventures Into The Unknown.' Something else I'd like to suggest—why not print a check list of all stories each issue, so the reader can number them according to preference—numbers on the right for story interest, numbers on the left for quality of art work. Also, I wish each story could be signed by the artist. Then every six months or year, the reader could select the best four or five stories and artists and send their selections to you. You could put out an annual containing them. I think this would stimulate reader interest greatly and send you zooming to the top over all competitors. I enjoyed the story 'The Repair Shop' best in the March issue. 'Mushroom Madness' had the best art work, in my opinion. So my vote would be divided equally between them!

—Eugene J. Buie, Choteau, Montana"

An interesting letter, Eugene, and a really smart idea! What do you other readers think?

"Dear Editor:-

I've read three issues of 'Adventures Into The Unknown' and would like to compliment you on your fine work. The stories are thrilling and hold the reader's interest, but I do have one complaint. Some of the stories—'Fog and Fantasy,' for instance—leave one without an explanation. Try to give the reader a better idea of what goes on in your future plots!

—Kenneth Feld, Brooklyn, N. Y."

Thanks for the nice things you say, but this explanation business . . . the theory is that in cases where no explanation is given, the facts should speak for themselves. How about you other readers? If many of you are experiencing the same difficulty we'd like to know!

"Dear Editor:-

I happened to pick up a copy of 'Adventures Into The Unknown,' and after reading it, I think it's the best magazine of its kind published. In Issue No. 74, 'The Enchanted Toolshed' is the finest story I've ever read. Besides the wonderful, spine-tingling situation, it had some good humor in it. Man, you keep printing stories like that you'll have a reader and loyal fan for life!

—A. Stavsky, New York, N. Y."

This letter brings up the subject of humor in the strange stories that we print. Personally, we like an occasional light touch in these amazing plots, because there's nothing wrong about having laughs among your thrills. This is another matter for a reader vote—write in and let's hear your opinion!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just finished reading your latest 'Adventures Into The Unknown' issue, No. 95. It stinks! 'Up In Smoke' and '13th Juror' were terrible! 'Through The Wall' was fairly good and so was 'Journey To The Moon.' However, I hardly ever run into an 'Adventures Into The Unknown' or 'Forbidden Worlds' that isn't good. I think that the few who complain seriously about your magazines are definitely wrong. I wish you would put about 100 pages in your magazine and charge 25c. Anyway, keep up the good work!

—Fred H. Edwards, Madisonville, Ky."

Here's a fan with a brick that turns into an orchid. With respect to his gripe, he's not very wrong. "Up In Smoke" and "13th Juror" were far from the top stories that we try to bring our fans, and we're sorry for it. We'll try to bring you something extra-good to make up for it!

"Dear Editor:-

I've probably read every one of your comics, from one to ninety-five, and have always wanted to write

to you. Now I'm finally getting around to it. First, I'd like to say that I enjoy 'Adventures Into The Unknown' very much, and 'Journey To The Moon' was one of the best stories you've ever carried. I'd also like to suggest that you state after the title of each story whether or not it's true.

—Kenny Bauser, Richmond Hill, N. Y."

The great majority of our stories are fictional, Kenny—because in real life, truth isn't stranger than fiction—it's the other way around, although there are exceptions. Stressing the fictional allows us to make full use of the fine and challenging imaginations of our writers.

"Dear Editor:-

I've been following 'strange' comics for a couple of years, and 'Adventures Into The Unknown' rates number one with me. The main reason for my liking your comic is that your stories don't have just four or five pages, but many—although your one-page stories are clever also. If you could get a few more science fiction (outer space) stories into each issue, I'm sure all your readers would like it. Keep up the good work!

—Roy H. Frumkes, Harrison, N. Y."

Glad you go for the longer stories, Roy. You see, it's our feeling that longer stories afford more opportunity for building characters and presenting really intriguing plots that pack sustained interest and suspense. You can't really do this well with short yarns, no matter how hard you try. About more outer space stuff—we do carry one in every issue, you know! If we tried publishing several per issue, and they were the longer stories you like you'd find the whole magazine being science fiction, with no room at all left for amazing stories of the occult. Our other readers wouldn't like this too much—bet you wouldn't, either!

"Dear Editor:-

I've just had the great privilege of buying another of your 'Adventures Into The Unknown' comics magazines. I especially liked 'Pipe Dream,' but found the other stories were very good too. Congratulations!

—Mike Smith, Stayton, Oregon"

Here's another vote for "Pipe Dream." That one proved a popular story, indicating that fans go for completely fantastic yarns. But then along comes a story like "There's A New Moon Tonight," and approving readers start burning up the mails. What's the answer? Maybe it's just a matter of plots that are good and astounding, and the type doesn't count. What do you other fans think?

"Dear Editor:-

My name is Michael Lewis. I am 14 years of age. I think your magazine is realistic, except that it needs more details. In another magazine I read, when a science law comes into the scene, the editor gives a note on the law. The only time I see your editor's notes is on your occults. Your 'Journey To The Moon' is realistic except for one detail which you overlooked. On a journey to the moon, the person or persons would have to go under physical examination to see if they could take the strain of the take-off, for the gravity is increased as the ship gains speed. Also, your invasions of Earth are always from

outer space. Have you forgotten about the fourth or fifth dimensions? In your page 'Let's Talk It Over,' I suggest that you stop sending in phony letters.

—Michael Lewis, Snyder, Texas"

Let's take it in order, Michael. The idea of another magazine commenting on science laws is thoroughly educational and we have no wish to criticize it. Very frankly, we attempt to go in for pure entertainment, with the educational trend incidental. "Journey To The Moon" was a long story. If we had attempted to include such details as physical examinations, etc., a full magazine wouldn't have been long enough for it. Next point—over the years, we've frequently published stories having to do with attempted invasions from other dimensions. But it's only natural that with the present worldwide interest in space, our emphasis must be on what might happen in this realm. And now—let's fight! Your charge concerning phony letters is unwarranted, ridiculous and just a bit on the nervy side. We receive many thousands of letters from which we can pick and choose. We have nothing to gain from making up letters. But there are always people who just don't believe anything. Including a lot who will charge that your letter is a fake, too!

"Dear Editor:-

Wahoo! I just read the latest issue of 'Adventures Into The Unknown,' and boy, was it neat! I think your artists and your writers are the best! The only thing is that I wish you could have more scary things, like Frankenstein and Zombies—but if you do or not, I'll be a fan forever! Good luck!

—Bob Taylor, Royal Oak, Mich."

Bob, you're going to have to love us as we are, without the silly props. Love us for the astounding stories our writers dream up—and lambast us if we fall down on the job!

"Dear Editor:-

I like 'Adventures Into The Unknown' very much. I've always had an interest in Mars and in our satellite, 'Explorer.' Do you think you can print a story about them?

—Bob Johnson, Lincolnwood, Ill."

Open your eyes and climb onto the bandwagon, Bob! We've been publishing outer space stories in every issue for the past several months. Do you like the kind we've got in this month's number? It's a change of pace science fiction yarn—quite different from the usual. But we think it's got a novel and fascinating message. Hope all you readers agree with us!

"Dear Editor:-

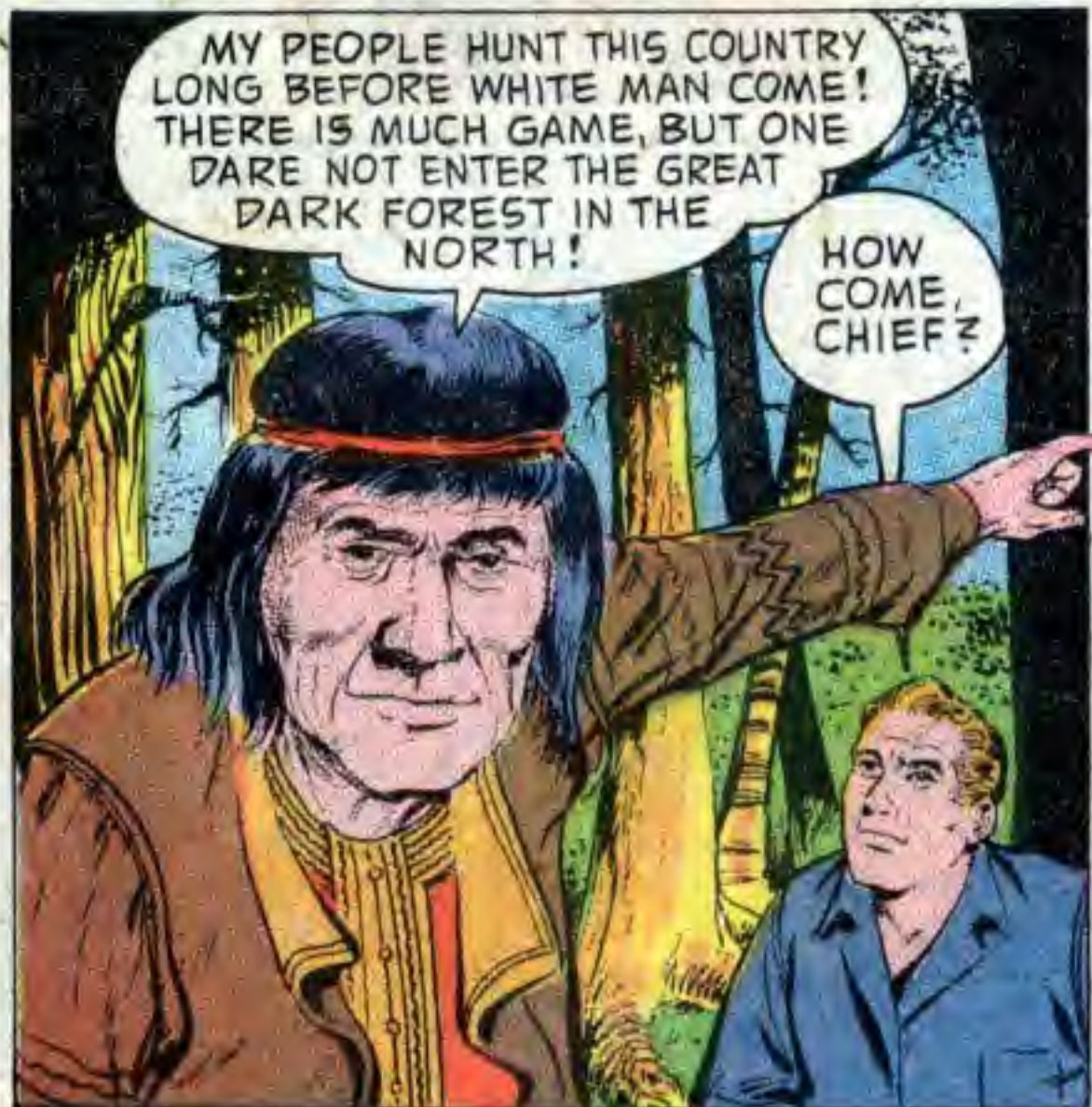
I have no complaints on your wonderful mag. So long as you please other readers, I am sure I can be counted on to buy the next 1,000 copies. Your writers and artists are on the ball. More and more new fans are joining 'Adventures Into The Unknown' through me. Thanks for hours of good reading!

—Lester Sanders, Jacksonville, Fla."

That's our ambition, Lester—to furnish fans with truly good reading. Stories that thrill, challenge and fascinate—that's the program. Occasionally, we admit, we'll come up with a dud. But when we hit the mark square, it's a honey!

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS A HUNTERS' PARADISE UNTIL THEY DISCOVERED THE
AWESOME SECRET IN THE SHADOWY DEPTHS OF---

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KIDS SHOW THIS AD TO YOUR DAD. HE'LL WANT ONE TOO.



IT'S REAL,
ALL RIGHT! IT'S
TAKING OFF!
COME ON, BEFORE
IT GETS AWAY!



LIKE A MAN POSSESSED, JORDAN
CHARGED AFTER THE FLEEING ELK.
SOON HE WAS OUT OF BREATH,
PANTING HEAVILY, BUT JUST AS HE
WAS ABOUT TO GIVE UP...

LOOK! IT'S CORNERED,
CRANE! IT BACKED ITSELF
AGAINST A STONE WALL!
WE'VE GOT A CLEAN
SHOT AT IT!



BUT AS JORDAN DREW A BEAD...

OH...HH!

KAPOW!



IT'S GONE,
JORDAN!
DISAPPEARED!
LET'S GET OUT
OF HERE!

DON'T BE A FOOL!
THAT LIGHTNING BOLT
BLINDED US TEMPORARILY,
AND IT MADE GOOD USE OF
THE MOMENT TO GET
BY US!



THE STORM, IT'S
GETTING WORSE!
WE'LL NEVER BE
ABLE TO TRACK
IT NOW!

YOU CAN
CALL IT QUITS
ANYTIME YOU
WANT! I'M
PUSHING
ON!



SUDDENLY, WITH THUNDEROUS FURY...

GROWWRRRRR!

GOOD
HEAVENS,
JORDAN...
LOOK!

BACK
... GET
BACK!



I'VE EMPTIED
MY GUN... AND
IT KEEPS
COMING!

WITH A CRY OF PANIC, JORDAN BOLTED, BUT AS HE FLED BEFORE THE MONSTROUS-SIZED BEAR, HIS TOE STRUCK A ROTTED LOG AND...



THEN, SUDDENLY, AS JORDAN LAY HELPLESS ON THE GROUND...



SAVAGE CRIES RENT THE AIR AS THE HUGE BEAST AND THE HUMAN COLOSSUS LOCKED IN BATTLE...



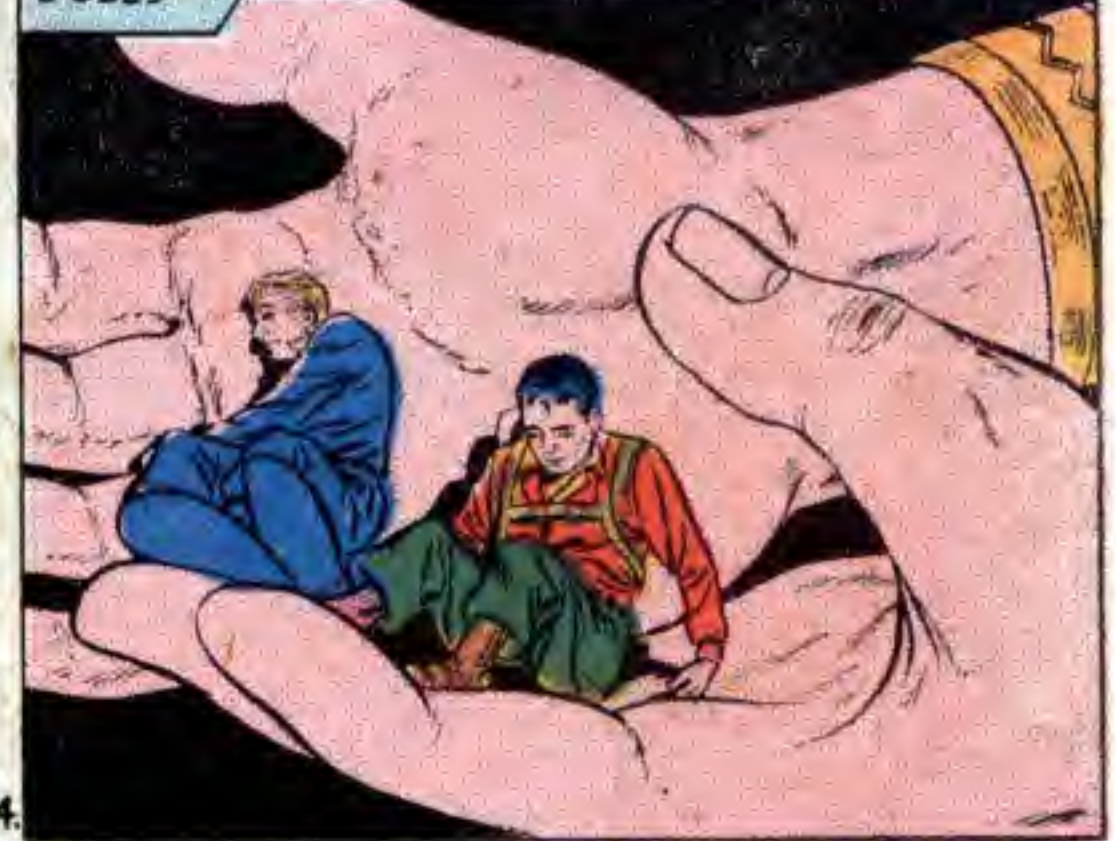
AND WHEN THE TITANIC STRUGGLE ENDED...



THEY SCURRIED OFF, AND THE LIGHTNING BOLTS NAGGED AT THEIR HEELS, SEEMINGLY URGING THEM FORWARD AT A FASTER AND FASTER PACE...



WITH A SMOTHERED CRY, BOTH MEN COLLAPSED FROM THEIR EFFORT. THEN GIANT HANDS REACHED DOWN, PLUCKING THEM UP LIKE TINY, INERT DOLLS...



IT WAS A LONG TIME BEFORE CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNED, BUT WHEN IT DID...

WE'RE IN THE CHIEF'S TENT--BUT HOW?

WE FIND YOU BOTH HERE, IN OUR VILLAGE! BRAVES BRING YOU TO MY TENT!



THIS ANCIENT AMULET SAVED BOTH YOUR LIVES! I HAD FEELING YOU WOULD ENTER FORGOTTEN FOREST, SO I PLACE CHARM IN YOUR PACK WHILE YOU SLEEP! IF NOT FOR THIS, GREAT CIACHEWI WOULD DESTROY YOU!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, WHEN THEY ACCOMPANIED THE CHIEF, TO OFFER THANKS TO THE GREAT WARRIOR CIACHEWI---

I STILL SAY IT'S ALL ROT, CRANE, EVEN IF I CAN'T EXPLAIN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED! BUT IT WOULDN'T BE RIGHT, NOT TO HUMOR THE OLD CHIEF ALONG!



BUT WITH A MUFFLED CRY, CRANE STOPPED SHORT...

LOOK, JORDAN, THESE FOOT-PRINTS!

THEY'D HAVE TO BE MADE BY A GIANT! SOMEONE AS BIG AS...



THEY WERE, JORDAN! THOSE FOOTPRINTS--- THEY END DIRECTLY AT THE BASE OF CIACHEWI'S STATUE!

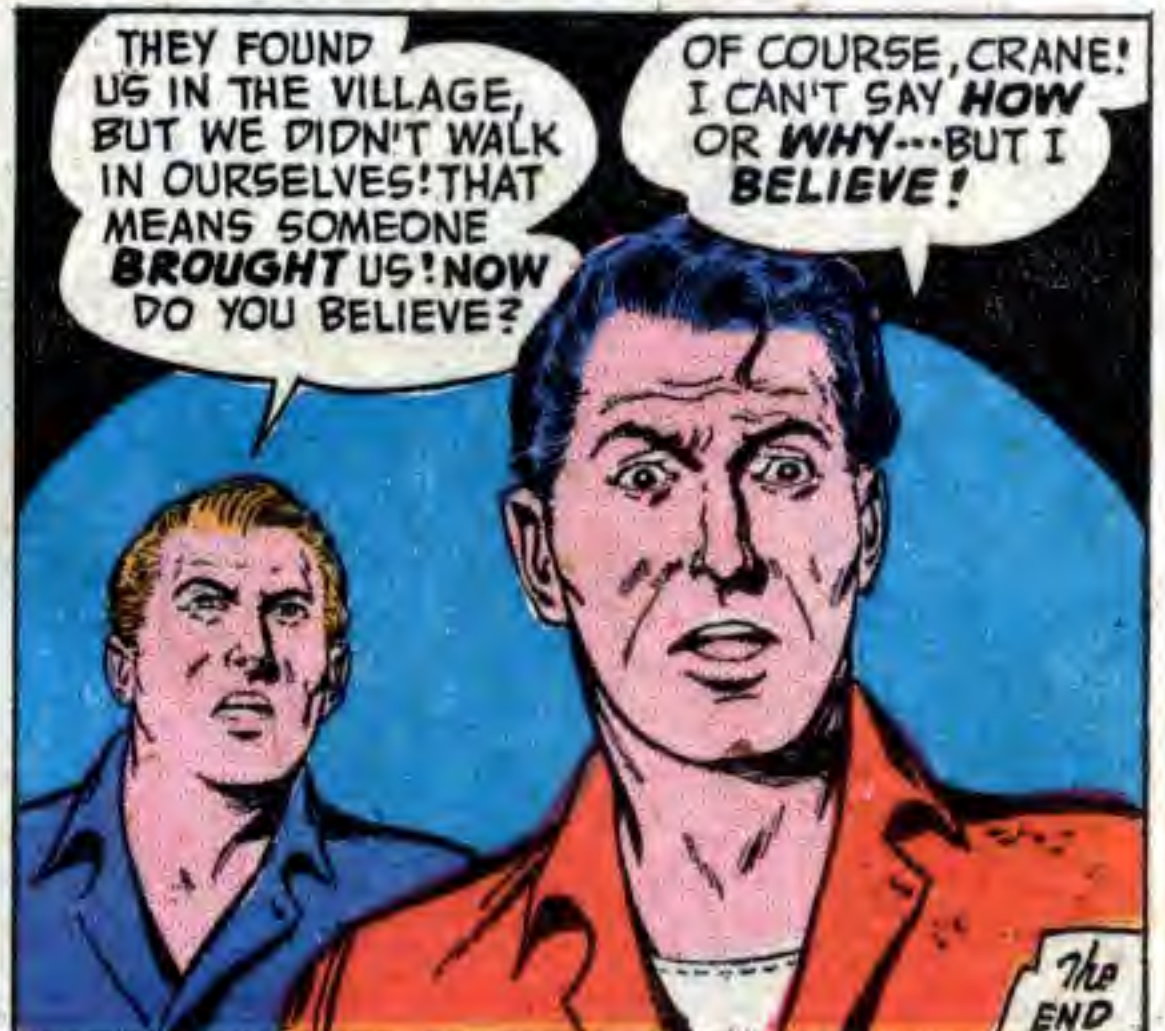


WHAT DO YOU SAY NOW, JORDAN? IS IT STILL ROT?



THEY FOUND US IN THE VILLAGE, BUT WE DIDN'T WALK IN OURSELVES! THAT MEANS SOMEONE BROUGHT US! NOW DO YOU BELIEVE?

OF COURSE, CRANE! I CAN'T SAY HOW OR WHY--BUT I BELIEVE!



THE END

YOU'VE HEARD OF PEOPLE CHANGING OVERNIGHT, BUT SEARCH THE RECORDS OF NOW AND YESTERYEAR AND YOU WON'T FIND A MORE FANTASTIC STORY THAN THAT OF---

MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN!



BUT LET'S GO BACK A BIT, BEFORE ALL OF THIS HAPPENED! BY OCCUPATION, MELVIN WAS A CHEMIST --- BY NATURE, A SHY, UNASSUMING MAN ---

HOW IS THAT BATCH OF X-687 COMING ALONG, MELVIN?

RATHER WELL, I'D SAY, MR. BENSON! I MIGHT HAVE MY REPORT ON IT BY FRIDAY!



MIGHT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH, MELVIN! SEE THAT IT'S **HERE** BY FRIDAY, AND **EARLY!**

Y---YES, MR. BENSON! I---I'LL GET RIGHT AT IT!



YOU MIGHT SAY MELVIN WAS A RABBIT-LIKE CHARACTER! AND WHEN IT CAME TO GIRLS-- ESPECIALLY SALLY WINSTON, ONE OF THE OFFICE WORKERS-- HE WAS SHYER STILL...

--SO I WAS JUST WONDERING, SALLY, I MEAN IF YOU HAD THE TIME--A--AND DIDN'T MIND-- THEN I'D--

I'D LOVE GOING TO A MOVIE WITH YOU, MELVIN! PICK ME UP AT EIGHT!

BUT EVEN THESE DATES WITH SALLY HAD A WAY OF BACKFIRING ON POOR, SELF-EFFACING MELVIN--

ISN'T TONY BLAKE WONDERFUL? SO MASCULINE--SO AGGRESSIVE!

YES--HE CERTAINLY IS!

AND WHEN IT WAS TIME TO SAY GOOD NIGHT, IT WAS WORSE STILL--

FRANKLY, MELVIN, I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU! TIME AND AGAIN YOU'VE TAKEN ME TO THE MOVIES, AND WHEN WE GET BACK, ALL YOU SAY IS GOOD NIGHT! CAN'T YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ELSE?

WELL, THE POPCORN WAS ESPECIALLY GOOD, WASN'T IT?... I--WELL, GOOD NIGHT, SALLY!

THAT NIGHT, IN HIS SMALL APARTMENT, MELVIN COULDN'T SLEEP! SO HE FUSSED A BIT WITH HIS PET RABBIT AND COMPLETED AN EXPERIMENT, BUT HIS THOUGHTS KEPT GOING BACK TO SALLY--

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE STILL DATES ME! I'M JUST A HOPELESS MOUSE!

HERE YOU ARE, OSWALD, A SPECIAL NEW FORMULA TO IMPROVE YOUR APPETITE! YOU DRINK IT ALL UP, AND MAYBE YOU'LL FINISH YOUR CARROTS!

LATER THAT NIGHT, MELVIN AWOKE WITH A START--

CRASH!

HELP!

G--GOOD GRIEF! SOMEONE'S IN THE OTHER ROOM--CRYING FOR HELP! I--I'D BETTER GO SEE--

G--GET 'IM AWAY FROM ME! DO SOMETHING--BEFORE HE TEARS ME APART!

OSWALD HAS BROKEN OUT OF HIS CAGE AND TRAPPED A PROWLER! N--NO RABBIT EVER DID THAT BEFORE!

BY THE TIME THE POLICE REMOVED THE PROWLER, MELVIN HAD NO THOUGHT OF GOING BACK TO BED! SOMEHOW, HE HAD TO ACCOUNT FOR OSWALD'S UNUSUAL BEHAVIOR...

THERE'S ONLY ONE ANSWER! IT MUST BE MY NEW FORMULA! NOW, IF IT COULD TURN A RABBIT INTO AN AGGRESSIVE, POWERFUL CREATURE, WHAT EFFECT WOULD IT HAVE ON ME?

WELL, HERE GOES NOTHING!

AND ABOUT AN HOUR LATER, WHEN MELVIN REPORTED FOR WORK...

WATCH THIS, HARRY! I'M GOING TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH THAT JELLYFISH, MELVIN!

GOOD! I'LL TIP OFF THE BOYS! THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO MISS IT!

HEY, MELVIN, WILL YOU BRING THAT BOX HERE ON THE WAY OVER?

W...WHY, SURE, MR. BENSON! BE GLAD TO!

LOOK! HE'S GOT IT TUCKED UNDER ONE ARM!

B...BUT YOU SAID IT WAS FILLED WITH A SPECIAL FORMULATED LEAD! THAT IT WEIGHED FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS!

FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS! YOU MEAN I... OH-HH!

CRASH!

IT HAPPENED, ONLY IT DIDN'T AT FIRST... NOT BACK IN THE HOUSE ANYWAY! I GUESS IT TOOK TIME TO GET INTO THE BLOOD! BUT IT WORKED... JUST LIKE IT DID ON OSWALD... EVEN BETTER!

THE WORD SPREAD THROUGH THE PLANT, AND BEFORE THE WEEK WAS OUT, MELVIN'S FAME WAS COMPLETE...

LOOK AT HIM BEND THAT STEEL BAR! LIKE IT WAS MADE OF RUBBER!



I NEVER WOULD HAVE DREAMED THIS OF YOU, MELVIN, AND I DON'T CARE WHAT ANYONE SAYS... BUT I THINK YOU'RE WONDERFUL!

I HOPED YOU WOULD, SALLY! YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE!



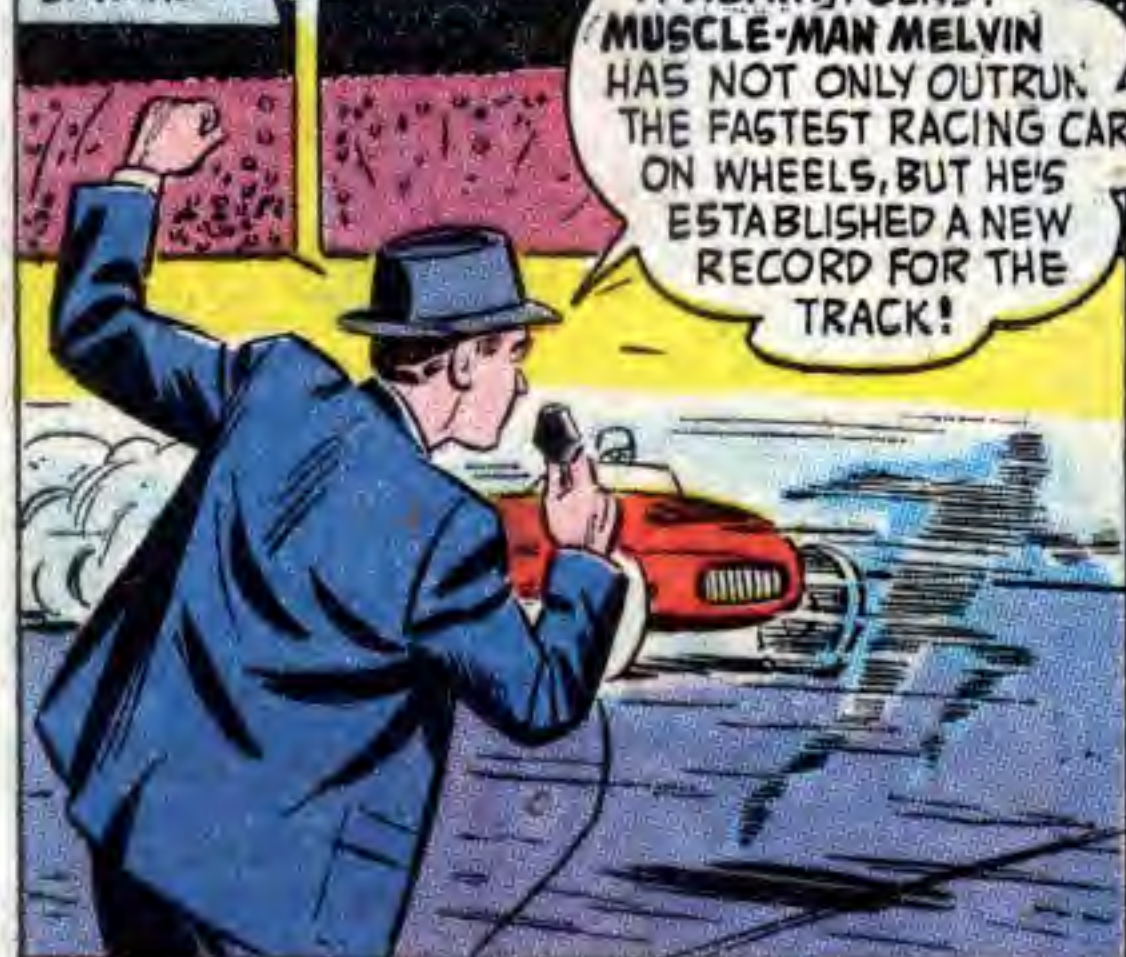
AND AS FOR YOU, BENSON, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN TRYING TO DATE SALLY! FRANKLY, I DON'T LIKE IT!

I...IT WAS ONLY A GAG, MELVIN! T...THAT'S ALL IT WAS...HONEST!



WITHIN A MONTH, MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN'S FAME SKYROCKETED ONWARD AND UPWARD...

--AND HE'S DONE IT AGAIN, FOLKS! MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN HAS NOT ONLY OUTRUN THE FASTEST RACING CAR ON WHEELS, BUT HE'S ESTABLISHED A NEW RECORD FOR THE TRACK!



OTHER SUPERHUMAN FEATS FOLLOWED...

TIMBER!

HE'S SNAPPING IT OFF LIKE IT WAS A TOOTH-PICK!



ISN'T HE FASCINATING?

SO MASCULINE, AND YET SO MODEST!



THEN CAME THE BIGGEST NEWS OF ALL...

THAT'S RIGHT, SALLY! THEY WANT ME TO PERFORM ON T.V.! NATIONWIDE, NO LESS!

THAT MEANS YOU'LL BE BUSIER YET! WHY, WE HAVEN'T HAD A DATE TOGETHER SINCE ALL THIS STARTED!



AND ON THE NIGHT OF THE TELECAST, IN MELVIN'S DRESSING ROOM...

LOOK AT THESE GIFTS, AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM FROM SOME DIZZY, LOVE-SICK FEMALE!

BUT I DON'T ENCOURAGE IT, SALLY!

MUSCLE MAN MELVIN

I'M NOT SO SURE OF THAT, MELVIN! I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU LIKE IT! I REALLY BELIEVE YOU'RE TURNING INTO A PLAIN GLORY-SEEKING SHOWOFF!

YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT, SALLY!

I CERTAINLY DO! AND UNLESS YOU GIVE UP THESE SHABBY THEATRICS THIS VERY INSTANT, YOU NEEDN'T TRY TO SEE ME AGAIN!

BUT, SALLY!

SLAM!

AND I DID IT ALL FOR HER! I WANTED HER TO BE PROUD OF ME, TO BE THE KIND OF MAN SHE ADMIRER! NOW IT'S ALL GONE HAYWIRE, AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

ALONE IN HER APARTMENT, SALLY TEARFULLY WATCHED AS THE PROGRAM GOT UNDER WAY...

AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MOMENT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! A SERIES OF AMAZING DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE ONE, THE ONLY MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN!

HE'S GOING ON SOB AFTER ALL!

SOMETHING SEEMS TO HAVE GONE WRONG, FOLKS! A THOUSAND POUND WEIGHT SHOULD BE CHILD'S PLAY TO MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN, BUT HE'S HAVING TROUBLE! HE CAN'T BUDGE IT!

...THEY'RE JEERING HIM...CALLING HIM A FAKE! THEY'RE THROWING THINGS, TOO! OH, MELVIN...IT'S ALL MY DOING!

NOT LONG AFTERWARDS, AS MELVIN SOUGHT REFUGE IN HIS SMALL APARTMENT...



OH, MELVIN, I'M SO PROUD! YOU **PRETENDED** TO BE A FAILURE! YOU GAVE IT ALL UP FOR ME!

WELL, ER, SALLY, I WASN'T REALLY PRETENDING! Y--YOU SEE...MY STRENGTH...IT'S **GONE!**



HESITANTLY, MELVIN EXPLAINED ALL...



IN A WAY, WE WERE BOTH BEHAVING LIKE MINIATURE ATOM BOMBS, BUT AS THE FORMULA WORE OFF...WELL, WE KIND OF **FIZZLED OUT!**



BUT THERE'S STILL SOME OF THE FORMULA LEFT! I COULD GIVE MYSELF A BOOSTER SHOT--THAT IS, IF YOU **PREFER** MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN!



I PREFER THE **OLD** MELVIN! IT TOOK MUSCLE-MAN MELVIN TO OPEN MY EYES... BUT NOW I REALLY SEE THE LIGHT!



MELVIN GOT HIS ANSWER, IN THE NICEST WAY IMAGINABLE! AND IT MADE ALL THE EFFORT AND TROUBLE SEEM QUITE WORTH WHILE!



JOURNEY *into* ANTIQUITY

LOOK! IT'S ANCIENT NEW YORK! IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THOSE OLD PICTURES IN OUR HISTORY BOOKS!

HOW STRANGE IT ALL SEEMS! I MEAN OUR BEING ABLE TO SEE THEM, WHILE WE REMAIN INVISIBLE!

THE FUTURE HAD BROUGHT PERFECTION, AND MAN'S TRIUMPH OVER THE ELEMENTS OF TIME AND SPACE WAS COMPLETE! THE BARRIERS HAD BEEN BROKEN! MEN TRAVELLED NOT ONLY THROUGH THE DARK VOIDS OF OUTER SPACE, BUT THROUGH TIME AS WELL! THIS IS A STORY OF FUTURE MAN, AND OF ONE SUCH JOURNEY INTO ANTIQUITY!

IT BEGAN WITH A MESSAGE FROM ONE OF THE LOUD SPEAKERS, LOCATED IN THE GREAT DISTRICT LABORATORY...

ATTENTION! DAG MITHOK WILL REPORT TO CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS IMMEDIATELY!

THAT'S YOU, DAG! HOPE IT ISN'T TROUBLE!

IT'S PROBABLY MY PRODUCTION RATING! I KNOW I'VE BEEN DROPPING OFF THESE LAST FEW MONTHS! THEY'LL WANT TO KNOW WHY!

DAG MITHOK'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT, AND HE DID HIS BEST TO EXPLAIN---

IT'S JUST THAT I'VE BEEN FEELING TIRED LATELY, BUT I'LL GET OVER IT!

YOU'VE HAD AN EXCELLENT WORK RECORD SO FAR, AND IT'S ON THAT RECORD THAT THE RECOMMENDATION WAS PUT THROUGH!

YOU'VE BEEN PUT ON THE LIST FOR A ROUTINE FLIGHT INTO ANTIQUITY! YOU MIGHT CALL IT A VACATION! THE CHANGE OF SCENE SHOULD IMPROVE YOUR PRODUCTION OUTPUT ON YOUR RETURN TO OUR OWN TIME!

YOU WILL REPORT TO THE BUREAU OF TIME TRAVEL AT ONCE! THEY WILL GIVE YOU YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS! YOU MAY GO!

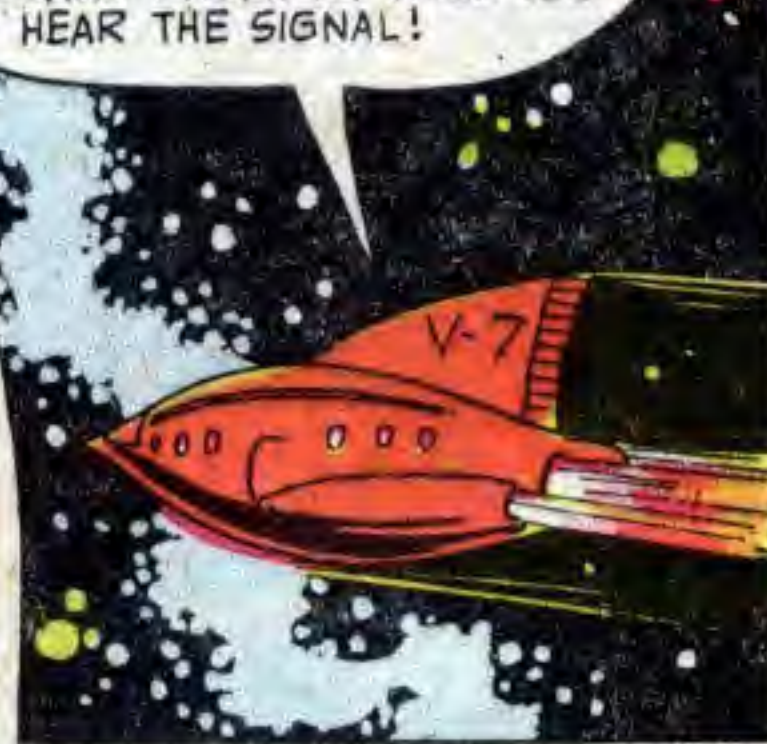
YES, AT ONCE!



IT WAS IN THIS WAY THAT DAG MITHOK, A WORLD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 4675, ARRIVED BACK THROUGH TIME TO ANCIENT NEW YORK...

WE WILL LAND IN A MOMENT AND ALL PASSENGERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE A BRIEF INSPECTION TOUR OF THIS HISTORIC METROPOLIS OF ANTIQUITY! OF COURSE, OUR PRESENCE WILL NOT BE DETECTED---

WHEN YOU LEAVE THE SHIP, YOU WILL PASS THROUGH THE INVERSE TIME CALCULATOR! THIS WILL RENDER YOU **INVISIBLE** DURING OUR BRIEF STAY! PLEASE REPORT ABOARD PROMPTLY WHEN YOU HEAR THE SIGNAL!



EAGERLY THE PEOPLE OF THE FUTURE MINGLED WITH THOSE OF THE PAST, PROTECTED, AS IT WERE, BY A CLOAK OF INVISIBILITY---

IT'S SOME SORT OF A PARK WITH AMUSEMENTS!

I'VE READ ABOUT THESE PLACES IN HISTORY BOOKS WHEN I WAS A CHILD! THEY WERE QUITE POPULAR IN THE 20TH CENTURY!

AND QUITE PRIMITIVE! LOOK AT THAT ONE OVER THERE! THAT THING HE'S FIRING IS THE FORE-RUNNER OF OUR ATOMIC RIFLE!

IMAGINE THAT!



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IN A WAY YOU WOULD CALL THEM PRIMITIVE, BUT THEY SEEM FAR HAPPIER! THEY ALL SEEM TO SMILE--- SOMETHING WE SCARCELY DO IN OUR TIME!



SOON THE SIGNAL TO REPORT BACK TO THE TIME CRAFT SOUNDED, AND THOUGH IT COULD BE HEARD ONLY BY ITS PASSENGERS, DAG MITHOK'S ATTENTION WAS ELSEWHERE---

THAT IS A STRANGE CUSTOM, AND YET SO INTERESTING!



MINUTES LATER THOUGH, DAG SUDDENLY GASPED WITH SHOCKED SURPRISE ---

THEY'RE LEAVING WITHOUT ME! NO! **WAIT!**



AND SECONDS AFTER---

LOOK AT THAT MAN, MOTHER! WHY IS HE DRESSED SO FUNNY?

THEY CAN SEE ME! WITH THE TIME SHIP GONE I WOULD HAVE TO BECOME PART OF THIS TIME CYCLE! WHAT DO I DO NOW?



WHAT'S UP, BUD? YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM ONE OF THE SIDE-SHOWS?

I'M DAG MITHOK, AND I'M NOT OF YOUR TIME! THERE'S BEEN AN ERROR, BUT IT WILL BE RECTIFIED!



YOU CAN'T GO RUNNING AROUND LIKE THAT, MISTER! I OUGHT TO RUN YOU IN!

BUT IT'S ALL A MISTAKE! THE TIME SHIP WILL BE BACK FOR ME, BUT ONLY ON ITS NEXT TRIP!



THEN, TO DAG'S SURPRISE---

IT'S ALL RIGHT, OFFICER! THE WHOLE THING'S A GAG! I'M JUNE TAYLOR, FROM PARAGON INCORPORATED! WE SPECIALIZE IN PROMOTIONAL STUNTS! THIS MAN WORKS FOR US!

HE DOES, HUH?



THAT'S RIGHT! HE WAS SENT OUT HERE TO PUBLICIZE A NEW SCIENCE FICTION MOVIE! THAT EXPLAINS THE CLOTHES! BUT IF ITS CAUSING TROUBLE, WE CAN CALL IT OFF!

A GOOD IDEA, MISS! LUCKY YOU CAME BY WHEN YOU DID, OR I WOULD HAVE ARRESTED HIM!

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, IN JUNE TAYLOR'S CAR...

I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DID, BUT THIS STORY YOU MADE UP... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

IT'S REALLY QUITE SIMPLE! I'M A NEWSPAPER REPORTER, AND YOU LOOKED LIKE NEWS AND I WANTED AN EXCLUSIVE! NOW THAT I HELPED YOU, SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH! I'M REALLY NOT OF YOUR TIME, AND THERE WAS AN ERROR! I'M REALLY QUITE LOST!

I SEE! IN THAT CASE, SUPPOSE I DROP YOU OFF AT MY BROTHER'S PLACE! HE HAPPENS TO BE A PSYCHIATRIST, BUT THAT SHOULDN'T WORRY YOU!

THAT EVENING, WHEN JUNE TAYLOR DROPPED BACK AT HER BROTHER'S APARTMENT...

WELL, YOU DO LOOK BETTER!

YOUR BROTHER LOANED ME ONE OF HIS SUITS, BUT HE ALSO REFUSES TO BELIEVE MY STORY! NOT THAT I BLAME EITHER OF YOU!

HE SEEMS PERFECTLY SANE, EXCEPT FOR THAT WEIRD STORY ABOUT A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME! ACTUALLY, I'D GO ALONG WITH IT FOR NOW!

I AGREE, JIM! HE SEEMS SO OBSESSED BY IT!

SUPPOSE WE GO OUT AND SEE THE SIGHTS?

I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT! WITH ONLY A WEEK BEFORE THE **TIME SHIP** RETURNS, I'D WANT TO SEE AS MUCH OF YOUR WORLD AS I CAN!

AND AS THE EVENING WORE ON...

THIS IS TIMES SQUARE! IT'S QUITE FAMOUS FOR ITS LIGHTS!

SO I'VE READ, AND QUITE IMPRESSIVE, CONSIDERING THE PRIMITIVE POWER PLANTS YOU HAVE TO WORK WITH!

THE SUCCEEDING DAYS SWEEP BY, AND A WORLD, A WAY OF LIFE THAT DAG MITHOK NEVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE, UNFOLDED BEFORE HIM...

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL, THESE PAST FEW DAYS, DAG! I'VE NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

I'LL NEVER FORGET THEM EITHER! I MIGHT EVEN...

INSTINCTS, LONG SLUMBERING, NOW STIRRED, WHIRLING HIM ABOUT LIKE A LEAF IN AN EDDYING STREAM...

IF I COULD ONLY TAKE YOU WITH ME, INTO MY WORLD OF TIME, BUT THEY'D NEVER ALLOW IT!

OH, DAG, WHY MUST YOU PERSIST IN THAT STORY? IF YOU NEED HELP, I'LL DO ANYTHING, BUT THIS FANTASY OF YOURS...



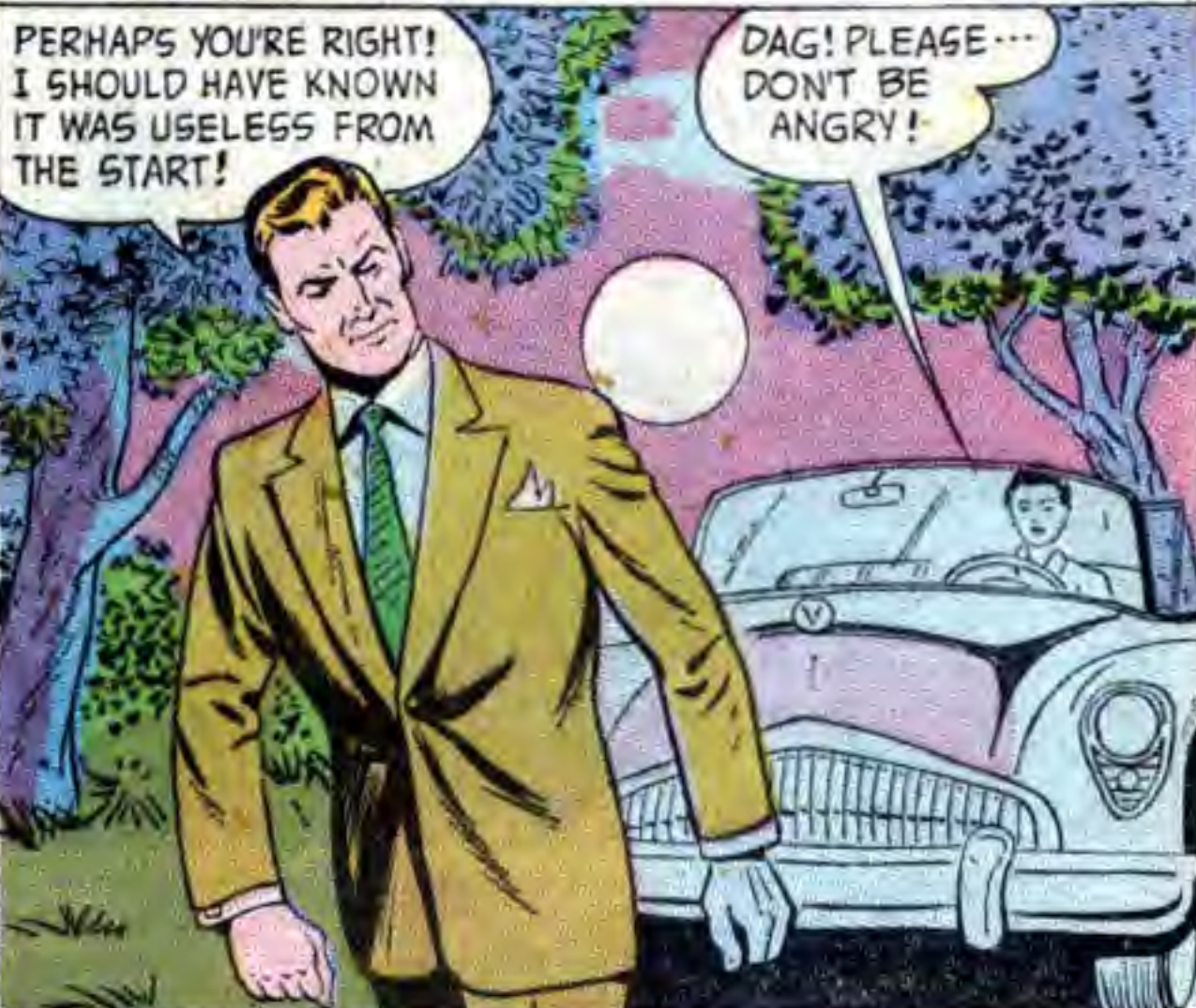
IT ISN'T A FANTASY! I KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT TO TAKE, AND I DON'T EXPECT OTHERS TO BELIEVE, BUT WITH YOU ---WELL, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT!

BUT HONESTLY, DAG---HOW CAN I BELIEVE?



PERHAPS YOU'RE RIGHT! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS USELESS FROM THE START!

DAG! PLEASE... DON'T BE ANGRY!



THE FOLLOWING EVENING, WHEN JUNE VISITED HER BROTHER...

...AND WHEN I CHALLENGED HIS STORY, HE STORMED OFF!

BEFORE HE LEFT THIS AFTERNOON HE SAID HE WOULD BE GOING BACK TONIGHT, TO THAT FANTASTIC WORLD OF HIS IN FUTURE TIME! IT GAVE ME THE SHIVERS!



AND AS THE NIGHT DREW ON...

I HATE LEAVING! IN SO MANY WAYS THIS WORLD IS VASTLY RICHER THAN MY OWN! WE HAVE CONQUERED THE ELEMENTS, BUT IN DOING SO LOST **HAPPINESS**, THE GREATEST PRIZE OF ALL!



SUDDENLY---

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BUT MINUTES LATER, WHEN THE TIME SHIP LANDED AND DAG PREPARED TO BOARD---

DAG! DON'T ... DON'T GO AWAY!

COME BACK! WE MUST LEAVE AT ONCE! **COME BACK!**

WHEN MY BROTHER TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING BACK TO YOUR WORLD, I HAD TO FIND YOU, SILLY AS THE WHOLE THING SEEMED! I'M SO GLAD I DID, DARLING, SO VERY GLAD---

BECAUSE THERE YOU WERE, **VANISHING INTO THIN AIR!** PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR EVER DOUBTING YOU!

I SUPPOSE I'LL HAVE TO, CONSIDERING THAT I'M NOW A PERMANENT INHABITANT OF YOUR WORLD!

IT'S GONE, JUNE! THEY LEFT WITHOUT ME! IT WAS MY ONE AND LAST CHANCE OF RETURNING TO MY OWN TIME WORLD!

ANY REGRETS, DAG?

ONLY A TWINGE, BUT IT'S GOING FAST! WHAT I'VE LOST I'VE MORE THAN GAINED BACK! I'VE FOUND **LOVE AND HAPPINESS**--THINGS I NEVER THOUGHT WERE FOR ME!

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